C. Consist:

- 1. "cohere, or hold together" (Bullinger).
- "hold together" "cause something to remain united" (Oxford)
- Heb. 1:1-3 "upholding all things by the word of his power," i.e., "his powerful word"Acts 17:22-28 "determined ...the bounds of their habitation...live, and move, and have our being"
- 4. 1 Pet. 5:6-7 "careth for you"

## **Keep Thyself Pure**

When the Apostle Paul instructed the young evangelist Timothy, saying, "neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure" (1 Timothy 5:22), he sets forth an admonition to take special care that one is not defiled as a result of taking part in the sins of others.

Two terms which deserve consideration:

(1) Keep, i.e., to guard, keeping the eye on. It denotes giving vigilant attention to purity, thus

(2) Purity, i.e., pure from defilement, not contaminated.

The admonition to "keep thyself pure" requires a standard by which one lives: as defilement and contamination are a result of what one does. As "Evil companionships corrupt good morals" (1 Corinthians 15:33), there is of necessity a standard outlining what constitutes purity, and what constitutes defilement. ret

## Somebody Honor Mothers and Grandmothers Roger Bruner

Somebody said that a child is carried in its mother's womb for nine months. Somebody does not know that a child is carried in its mother's heart forever.

Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby. Somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, normal is history.

Somebody said you learn how to be a mother by instinct. Somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.

Somebody said being a mother is boring. Somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.

Somebody said if you're a "good" mother, your child will "turn out good". Somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee.

Somebody said "good" mothers never raise their voices. Somebody never came out the back door just in time to see her child hit a golf ball through the neighbor's kitchen window.

Somebody said you don't need an education to be a mother. Somebody never helped a fourth grader with his math.

Somebody said you can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first. Somebody doesn't have five children.

Somebody said a mother can find all the answers to her child-rearing questions in the books. Somebody never had a child stuff beans up his nose.

Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery. Somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten.

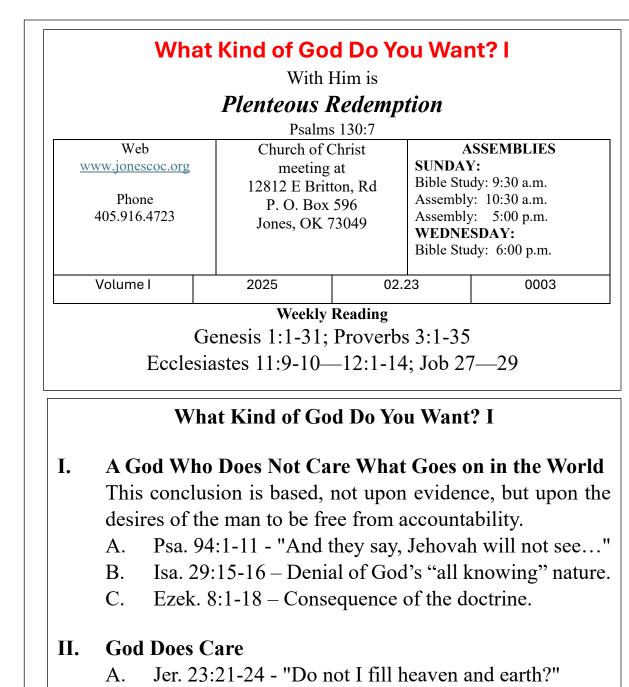
Somebody said a mother can do her job with her eyes closed and one hand tied behind her back. Somebody never organized seven giggling Brownies to sell cookies.

Somebody said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married. Somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings.

Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home. Somebody never had grandchildren.

Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her. Somebody isn't a mother.

"He grants the barren woman a home, like a joyful mother of children. Praise the Lord!" ~ Psalm 113:9



B. Col. 1:17 - "in all things consist"