THE INFLUENCE OF A GODLY WOMAN

It is impossible to measure the influence of a godly woman, within her own lifetime or in the years after she is gone. The Bible tells us much about such women.

We all know the story of David, the greatest king in the history of Israel. We know that he was the son of Jesse, who was the son of Obed. But do we know that there would have been no Obed except for the influence of a godly woman?

During a famine this Israelite woman moved with her husband to the land of Moab. Her two sons met and married two women from Moab. But when her husband and both sons died, the grieving woman decided to return to her home country.

We might never have known of this woman except for what happened next. She had become so loved and admired by her daughters-in-law that one of them insisted on going with her---even though it meant going to a strange country and strange people with a strange culture. She told her mother-in-law, “Your people will be my people and your God will be my God”.

We recognize these as the words of Ruth to Naomi. We know that Ruth met a good man named Boaz, a kinsman of Naomi. Boaz was so impressed with Ruth that he decided to marry her. They had a son named-----Obed. This was the same Obed who was the grandfather of King David, making this loyal Moabitess woman the great grandmother of the great King David.

There is no guarantee that every godly woman will have such an impact on history, but there can be no doubt that such women have wonderful influence on all who know them, and that this influence is likely to be seen for generations after they are gone. This should inspire every woman to let God lead and shape her life into godliness.