

Advice from a King's Mother

Proverbs 31:10-31

I. The Plan Is God's Plan. (v. 10)

- A. The king's mother acknowledges God's plan for families.
- B. The only imperfect thing in God's creation had to be fixed.

Gen. 2:18, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*"

II. The Price Is Inestimable. (v.10)

A. This woman is of more value than rubies.

- Prov. 12:4, *An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones.*
- Prov. 19:14, *Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the Lord.*
- Prov. 14:1, *The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.*

B. Who can value the worth of a good woman?

C. What great contributions mothers have made!

III. This Kind of Person Is Irreplaceable.

(Vv. 11-27)

A. The character and integrity of this woman are without blemish.

- V. 14, *She is like the merchant ships, she brings her food from afar.*

B. This woman cares for her children and builds her husband's reputation and honor. (v.23)

- V. 26, *She open her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness.*

IV. The Payoff is Eternal. (vv. 28-31)

A. Her children rise up and call her blessed.

They *will rise up and call her blessed...*

B. Her husband praises her.

C. Eternal rewards await her.

Revelation 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End." says the LORD, "Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."