



Isaiah 46:3-4 ³ Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from your birth, carried from the womb; ⁴ even to your old age

I am he, even when you turn gray I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will

Christ is risen! Our Easter celebration continues throughout the month of May, and the end of the month will usher in Pentecost – the birthday of the church! May also has a secular holiday in it – Mother’s Day. We, as Christians, can consecrate such a holiday in two ways. First, by obeying God’s command to honor our own mother’s (and by extension, all mother’s). Second, by examining how the experience of having a mother draws us closer to God. The Bible is full of references to God as Mother. You’ll find a few of them printed on this page. Let’s take a look at what Martin Luther wrote on the subject.

Peace,
Pastor Chris

Lectures on Isaiah Martin Luther (1483 -1546)

Here you see the comparison. How could God speak more sweetly than in transferring a mother's experiences to Himself, and the most concerned experience is carrying a child in the womb. The highest honor should be given to her who is pregnant. Here consider God's zeal and care for us. Is not the maternal instinct constantly concerned about the infant? So God cares for us with an everlasting maternal heart and feeling.... The fetus knows no concern. All the concern is in the mother, who looks after her tender belly. So God is likewise concerned for us. Therefore He wants to say: "Leave your cares, which look for ways of escape and other places of refuge. Come to Me, I will carry you in My womb." The uterus and womb of God is the divine Word, by which we are fashioned and borne, as Paul says to the Galatians

[4:19], “My little children, with whom I am again in childbirth until Christ be formed in you!” ...It is an outstanding and very firm comfort for the godly that God cares for us. Therefore we must strive with a single heart that we abide in the *Word*. The

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an everlasting maternal heart.

Lord will reject no one, however weak, if only we cling to the Word, the womb of God.

Thus, then, we must believe in our weakness that we are borne in the womb of God, who will care for us with supreme devotion and will never reject us....

These are supreme consolations. They should be written in golden letters. Let us just cling to the Word alone, and we shall have God as a mother who feeds us and carries us and frees us from all evils.

Isaiah 49:14-15 ¹⁴ But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me." ¹⁵ Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

Job 38:29 ²⁹ From whose womb did the ice come forth, and who has given birth to the hoarfrost of heaven? [God is asking Job this, and the answer is God’s womb].

Virginia Tech Tragedy

Our understanding of God as our Divine Parent is all the more important after the recent tragic shootings on the campus of Virginia Tech. God suffers with the parents and loved ones of the 33 students and faculty who died that day. As Jennifer and I were talking about this, she noted that our baby, who is still in the womb, is the safest he/she will ever be. In Christ, God bears us. Especially in the midst of tragedy, we recognize that we are carried and sustained by God, like an expectant mother, and only in God is there true safety and salvation. We look forward to the joy of that rebirth in the age to come. Please keep in your prayers all those who mourn.