<u>INTRODUCTION</u> - these mothers in the Bible provide a visual, a pattern, for mother's today to copy, imitate, to look at and follow after.

1. HANNAH - looked at motherhood as a gift from God.

(1 Samuel 1:8-11, v19-20) "I have asked for him from the Lord" (Psalm 127:3) "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord"

2. JOCHEBED - taught Moses to love God more than a king's court.

(Exodus 2:2-10) Pharaoh's daughter finds Moses and then finds his mother to be a nurse to him in Pharaoh's house.

The results of her teaching is in our text: (Hebrews 11:23-29) (Acts 7:20) "Moses was born, and was well-pleasing to God ..."

3. NOAH'S WIFE - instilled in 3 sons to live right in a wrong world.

(Genesis 7:13; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:5) "8 souls saved thru water" (1 Peter 4:4) "In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation ("excess of riot") ... "

(Deuteronomy 32:46) "Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe - all the words of this law."

4. MARY, MOTHER OF JOHN MARK - put the church first in her home.

(Acts 12:5) "but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church" (v12) "he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying."

5. LOIS & EUNICE - taught their children the Word of God.

- (2 Timothy 1:5) "when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also."
- (2 Timothy 3:15) "and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."