"Happy Mother's Day - Bathsheba"

"Go out, O daughters of Zion, and look upon King Solomon, with the crown with which his mother crowned him on the day of his wedding, on the day of the gladness of his heart."

(Song of Songs 3:11)

Bathsheba's Bio:

Problematic Past

2 Samuel 11:2-5 – (2) "It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. (3) And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, 'Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?' (4) So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. (5) And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.'"

Present Pressures

2 Samuel 12:14 – "Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die."

2 Samuel 12:24 – "Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her, and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And the LORD loved him."

<u>1 Kings 1:15</u> – "So Bathsheba went to the king in his chamber (now the king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was attending to the king)."

Profitable Protectorate

<u>Proverbs 31:1-9</u> – (1) "The words of King Lemuel. An oracle that his mother taught him: (2) 'What are you doing, my son? What are you doing, son of my womb? What are you doing, son of my vows? (3) Do not give your strength to women, your ways to those who destroy kings. (4) It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers to take strong drink, (5) lest they drink and forget what has been decreed and pervert the rights of all the afflicted. (6) Give strong drink to the one who is perishing, and wine to those in bitter distress; (7) let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more. (8) Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. (9) Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy."

Gleanings:

- (1) God can retrofit a sordid past for His glory.
- (2) May the pressures of life press you closer to God.
- (3) Invest in others.

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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