

TROUBLE IN PARADISE

TROUBLE IN PARADISE: THE ORIGIN OF MOTHER'S DAY

The origins of Mother's Day as celebrated in the United States date back to the 19th century. In the years before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children. Or Another precursor to Mother's Day came from the abolitionist and suffragette Julia Ward Howe. In 1870 Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation," a call to action that asked mothers to unite in promoting world peace.

When I say the Mother's Day origin story, I'm NOT talking about:

But we're going further back! All the way back to the creation of the first woman!

And we're picking up right where we left off last week when we were talking about heavenizing our world. I'm going to wager that if you led all your friends at work or school to Jesus but your home life is in hell, you would be incredibly unhappy. You'll be saying, "God, what good is all my service in Church when my wife and I are constantly at each other? Or your teenage kids are depressed or rebellious. So it's time once again as we do every year to focus on the home front and contend for shalom in the home.

Shalomy my homey!

If it's not happening at home, don't export it!" - PEarl Morihara

In Genesis the first sign of Trouble in Paradise was in the family—specifically between husband and wife. The first murder was between their sons, Cain and Abel. So the devil loves to go after families. Family is the devil's first and favorite target. He knows if he can destroy the family, all of society will follow. On the other hand, if we can heavenize the home, the rest of society will follow.

A couple of weeks ago I had a crazy revelation in a class with Tim Mackie from Bible Project. Get the app and do this class!

We begin our "Trouble in Paradise" series with a deep dive into how and why God created family in the first place, specifically man and wife. If we understand God's creative design, then dad and mom will see themselves very differently. If we stray away from God's will, there will be trouble in paradise, but if we do it God's way, we will see Heaven in the Home!

So here's the origin of motherhood:

"Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him'" (Genesis 2:18 TLW).