

The power
of a Godly
mom,
both
biological
and spiritual

MAN'S CREATION MIRRORS GOD'S NATURE

- Gen. 1: 26—"Then God said, 'Let Us make humanity in Our image, according to Our likeness, and let them rule over the earth. God created humanity in His own image, in the image of God He created mankind; male and female He created them.'"

God's Perfect Femininity

Isaiah 66:13—"as a mother
comforts her child, so I will
comfort you."

Feminine qualities in God:
nurturing, accepting, affirming,
nourishing, comforting,
imparting life to others,
provides rest, security, peace

Examples in scripture of God's feminine nature

Exodus 34:6-7—”Yahweh, Yahweh, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, over-flowing with loyal love and faithfulness.”

Compassion—Hebrew word *rakhum* related to word for “womb,” *rekhem*
God as *compassionate* “depicts God as having the nurture and emotional love felt by a mother for her vulnerable, unborn child; god is depicted as compassionate (suffering along with)---deeply moved by the cries of His people, like a mom is moved by the cries of her infant.”

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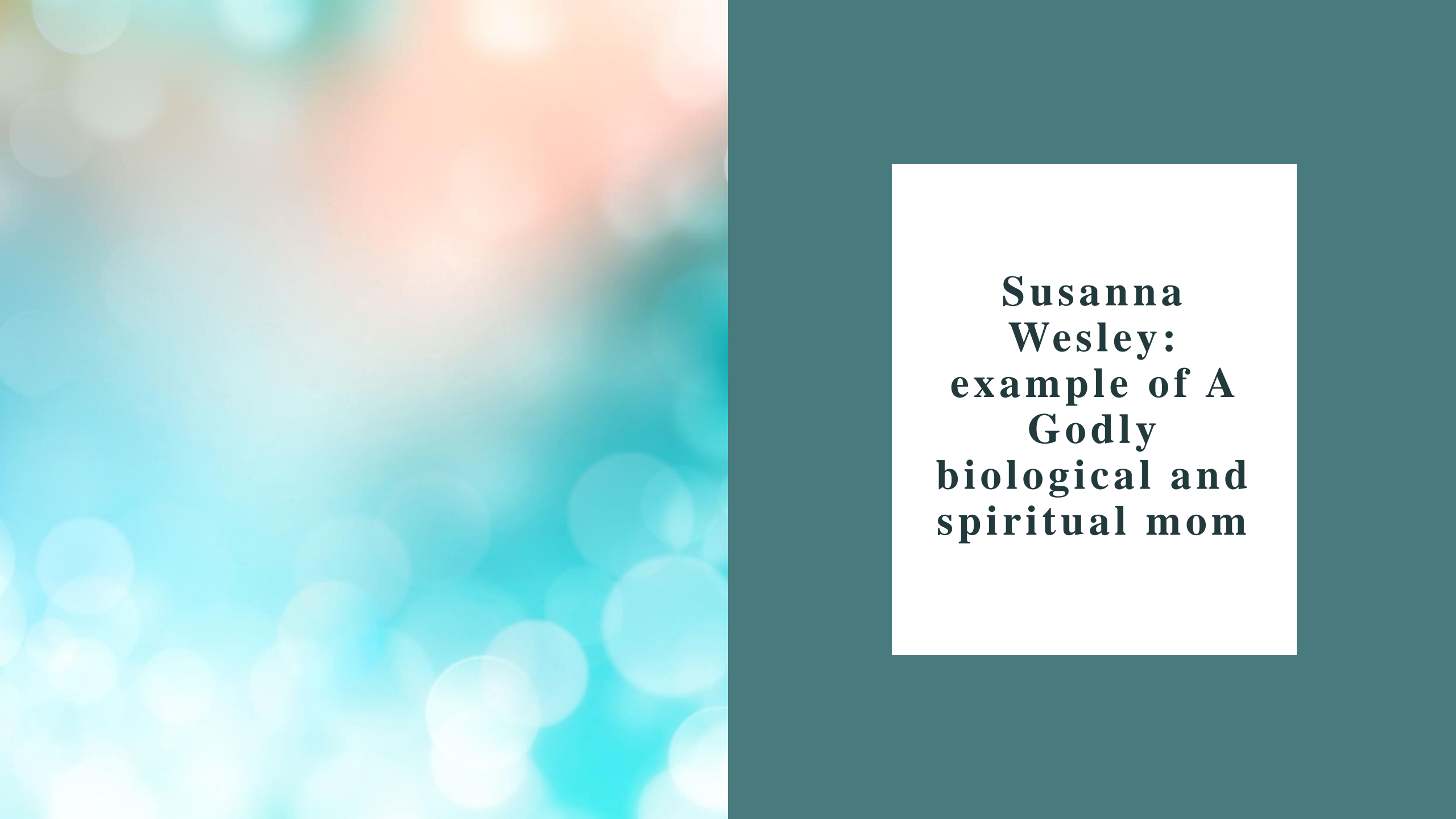
Hosea 11:3-4—God as a mother feeding her babies

Hosea 13:8—God as a fierce mother bear

Isa. 49:15—God as a nursing mom

Matt. 23:37—Jesus compares Himself to a mother hen, gathering her chicks

1 Thess. 2:7-12—“but we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly feeds and cares for her own children.”




**Susanna
Wesley:
example of A
Godly
biological and
spiritual mom**

**Her personality
and spiritual
qualities: “*a
compassionate
but tough
spiritual
director/spiritual
mother, and a
fiercely loving
parent.*”**


**Extremely disciplined and well-organized
with very high expectations for her children**

*“the purpose of biblical truth is to provide
us with a renewed mind that leads to loving
god and loving others.”*

*“What is the duty of a mother? To do all the
good for a child she can. How does a mother
fulfil her duty? By conversing lovingly about
life in light of god’s word.”*



Dedicated to
prayer
“apron prayers”
2 hrs. per day



**Maintained
devotion to
meditation on
and the study
of scripture**


***Maintained devotion to self-examination
(seeking God and confession of known sin)**

***followed by daily communion – loved
“self-examination—”confession of sin”
3 times per day, the final time followed by
personal communion**

*“confessing sins in order to underline one’s
reliance on the mercy of god.” Believed in
the “real presence” in communion*

***Maintained
devotion to
sabbath
*called it that
“most happy
day”**

*“a day for
devotions rather
than diversions”*



Spent one hour
per evening of
quality time
with one child

A spiritual mother
– pastored 200 in
Epworth Rectory

*“I cannot but look
upon every soul
you leave under my
care as a talent
committed to me
under trust by the
great Lord.”*

After her husband died, Susanna became prominent in early Methodism
the mother of methodism

Legacy—80 million Methodists today—John Wesley's influence was on the formation of other denominations and on Pentecostalism and the Charismatic movement



**Susanna's
sixteen rules for
raising Godly
children**