



HISTORY

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God as Mother: Human metaphors

- ◇ As a **mother** comforts her child, so I will comfort you; in Jerusalem you will be comforted. (Isaiah 66:13)
- ◇ ‘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**; 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 save.’ (Isaiah 46:3-4)
- ◇ 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. (Isaiah 49:15; cf. 1 Peter 2:2-3)

God as Mother: Animal metaphors

- ◇ ‘As an **eagle** stirs up its nest, and hovers over its young; as it spreads its wings, takes them up, and bears them aloft on its pinions, the LORD alone guided him;’ (Deuteronomy 32:11-12a)
- ◇ ‘I will fall upon them like a **bear** robbed of her cubs, and will tear open the covering of their heart; there I will devour them like a lion, as a wild animal would mangle them.’ (Hosea 13:8)
- ◇ ‘Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you. How often I wanted to gather your people together, just as a **hen** gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn’t want that.’ (Matthew 23:37)

John 12:23-24

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A kernel is a wheat seed.
There are about 50 kernels in
a head of wheat.

(oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/aitc/lessons/extras/facts/wheat.html)



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‘I, when **I** am *lifted up from
the earth*, will **draw all
people to myself**.’ He said
this to indicate the kind of
death he was to die.

(vv.32-33)

Integration

In fulfillment of his own purpose [God] **gave us birth by the word of truth**, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

... Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the **implanted word that has the power to save your souls.**

(James 1:18, 21)

Integration

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each.

For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field...

(1 Corinthians 3:6-9)