

# Are You My Mother?

(2 Kings 11:1-3)

- Introduction:
1. Probably most of us have read or have had read to us the book by P.D. Eastman entitled, "Are You My Mother."
  2. It was about a little bird in search of his mother.
  3. The little bird finds many possibilities, but held out until he found his true mother.
  4. In contrast, to this book which had the offspring searching for its mother, today we live in a time when there are "mothers" searching for our children.
  5. And the question is, "Who will find our children first?"

## I. Who Will Get The Child: Jehosheba Or Athaliah?

- A. (2 Kings 11:1-3).
- B. Ahab and Jezebel arrange the marriage of their daughter, Athaliah to Jehoram, son of Jehoshaphat.
  1. This wasn't a marriage made in heaven.
  2. Athaliah convinced her husband to kill all his brothers so her son would be heir to the throne, as well as all her grandchildren so she could have the throne.
- C. But a godly woman, Jehosheba stole into the palace nursery, took Joash, and hid him for six years till he was presented and proclaimed King.

## II. Applications From This Historical Account

- A. Athaliah and Jehosheba can be seen as shadows of good and evil, and their desire for our children.
- B. If we are to save our children, we must get to them first.
- D. God has given parents a stewardship of raising a child.
  1. (Ephesians 6:4).
  2. (Colossians 3:21).
- E. The training of children is also a responsibility of the church.
  1. Jehosheba risked her life for a child that was not her own. Will you take some risks for the spiritual development of children who are not your own?
  2. (1 Timothy 3:15).
  3. (Acts 20:35).

- Conclusion:
1. If Jehosheba doesn't get them, Athaliah will.
  2. We are thankful for the homes represented here who have taken their responsibility seriously.
  3. We are also thankful for the church and all it is investing in helping our families to insure the safety and best interest of our children.