

May 13, 2018  
I Samuel 1:9-20

## HANNAH: PORTRAIT OF PRAYING MOTHER

### I. INTRODUCTION:

"I prayed for this child and LORD has granted me what I asked of him." I Samuel 1:27

- Hannah, an extraordinary woman of faith and prayer.

1 There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite<sup>[a]</sup> from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was **Elkanah** son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. <sup>2</sup> He had **two wives**; one was called **Hannah** and the other **Peninnah**. Peninnah had children, but **Hannah had none**.

<sup>5</sup> But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup> Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her." I Samuel 1:5-6

"In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and **prayed** to the Lord." I Samuel 1:10

### II. THREE LESSONS FROM HANNAH'S LIFE:

A. God hears and answers \_\_\_\_\_.

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#### Five reasons we don't pray:

- We don't realize the \_\_\_\_\_ forces of evil that frustrate our attempts at prayer.
- We don't recognize that God is our only \_\_\_\_\_.

- We don't understand how much God \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- We don't fully appreciate the \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer
- We don't \_\_\_\_\_ long enough in prayer.

B. God is \_\_\_\_\_ about the oppressed and afflicted.

"Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is **deeply troubled**. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; **I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.**" 1 Samuel 1:15-16

C. Our Children are \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

And she made a vow, saying, "O Lord Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." 1 Samuel 1:11

"As surely as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. [27] **I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. [28] So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.**" And he worshiped the Lord there. 1 Samuel 1:26-28

### III. Conclusion and Application:

Pray, giving thanks for our mother's and pray for our children and the children of our church family.

**Points To Ponder**  
**Week of May 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**I Samuel 1:1-20**

**Open It:**

1. In our society what stigma, if any, do you think is attached to being a childless woman? Why?
2. \*Why is it difficult to be faced with constant reminders of things we wish we had but do not?

**Explore It:** (Questions related to the text)

3. What are the names of the family members described in 1 Samuel 1? (1:1-2)
4. \*What was a primary difference between the two wives of Elkanah? (1:2)
5. Where did the family go yearly to worship God? (1:3)
6. Who were the priests at this time? (1:3)
7. How did the husband treat Hannah on the occasion of feasts? Why? (1:5, 8)
8. How was Hannah treated? (1:6)
9. Who observed Hannah in the temple? (1:9, 13)
10. \*What was Hannah's emotional state when the feasting ended? (1:10)
11. What was Hannah's vow before the Lord? (1:11)
12. What did Eli assume about Hannah? (1:13-14)
13. How did Hannah explain her behavior? (1:15-16)

14. What was Eli's response to Hannah's situation? (1:17)
15. \*How did Hannah's mood change after she had prayed? (1:18)
16. How was Hannah's prayer answered? (1:19-20)

**Get It:** (These questions help answer the question, "So What?"  
These questions relate the scripture to our daily lives.)

17. Why does competition tend to arise between family members?
18. What reactions, good and bad, can we have to cruel taunts?
19. \*Why did Hannah's demeanor change so dramatically after she prayed?
20. What other responses to her predicament could Hannah have chosen?
21. \*Why is it important to take our requests to God?
22. In what ways do we try to ease the pain of someone's obvious loss or lack?
23. Why does the account in 1 Samuel say that God "remembered" Hannah?
24. What was Eli the priest's role in the life of this family?

**Apply It:** These Questions help us apply the scripture text to our daily lives)

25. \*What deep desire do you need to turn into earnest prayer and leave before God?
26. What ongoing trial or grief can you commit to God in prayer?