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I Samuel 1:9-20

THE POWER OF A MOTHER'S FAITH

I. INTRODUCTION:

Hannah, an extraordinary woman of faith and prayer.

1 There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite^[a] 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. ² He had **two wives**; one was called **Hannah** and the other **Peninnah**. Peninnah had children, but **Hannah had none**.

⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶ 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.