

Daily Devotion For May 8, 2022

¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on 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." I Samuel 1:11

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!! Have you ever wanted something so bad that it was all you thought about, talked about, and prayed for? Hannah (whom I will preach on today) knew that feeling, and she chose to respond with an attitude of humility and a heart full of faith. Hannah was a homemaker, wife, and believer in the Lord. But most of all, Hannah wanted to be a mother.

For years Hannah was not able to have children while her husband's second wife, Peninnah, was able to have many. To make matters worse, Peninnah knew how badly Hannah wanted to have a child. She would taunt Hannah cruelly, rubbing it in, and never letting her forget that God had not given her what she wanted. Instead of lashing out or giving up, Hannah would pray fervently for the Lord to give her a son. She continued to worship God and pour out her heart to Him year after year

One day, as Hannah was weeping and praying, she told God that if He would allow her to conceive a son, she would give him fully back to the Lord. As she prayed and wept, Eli, the priest at the temple, noticed how distraught she was. After speaking with Hannah, Eli asked the Lord to grant her the desire of her heart. Soon after, she conceived and gave birth to a baby boy named Samuel. Hannah knew that this child was a gift from the Lord, and in faith, she kept her promise to Him. She took Samuel to the house of the Lord at Shiloh and gave him to Eli so that he could serve the Lord for the rest of his days.

Thought for Today: Hannah knew even before Samuel was conceived, that he belonged to God. She understood that her bearing a son meant that she was being "loaned" a child from God to love. Is this your attitude towards your children?

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God for your mother and your children and if you have any your grandchildren. Continue to entrust them to the Love and care of God. Deo Volente.