

FIRST SAMUEL

Lesson 2: Chapter 1:16-24. Hannah petitions God for a son

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HANNAH FRETTING:

“And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret” (vs. 6). Fret: to be irritated, disturbed.

She fretted because it is the God-given nature of a woman to desire children. In order for Adam to obey the command to “be fruitful and multiply” (Gen. 1:22), God had to create a woman. It is unnatural for a woman to say, “Blessed be the barren” (Luke 23:29). That’s a sign of the last days.

HANNAH WEEPING:

“She went up to the house of the LORD...therefore she wept” (vs. 7). Shedding tears helps to relieve the burden of your heart and clear your vision so you can see which way to go. God stores your tears in heaven (Psalm 56:8). One day there will be no more tears (Rev. 21:4).

HANNAH PRAYING:

“And she *was* in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore” (vs. 10). Hannah was praying in the Spirit. “her lips moved, but her voice was not heard” (vs. 13). The Holy Spirit was making intercession for her with “groanings which cannot be uttered” (Rom. 8:26). She meant what she prayed. Often our prayers don’t get answered because God knows that in our heart we don’t really mean it or believe it. We “ask amiss” (James 4:3) (amiss: wrongly, imperfectly).

Hannah asked for something that she could give back to God. This is a New Testament principle also (2 Cor. 9:8). Hannah’s prayer was very specific; therefore, she can receive a specific answer. Notice that peace comes to Hannah as a result of her prayer, not as a result of the answer (Phil. 4:6-7). See 1 Peter 5:7 and Isaiah 26:3.

HANNAH REJOICING:

1. She accomplished what she set out to do. She poured out her heart before God. Now she can go in peace (vs. 17).
 2. She breaks her fast and has a meal (vs. 18).
 3. Her countenance (face) was no longer sad (vs. 18). Her face revealed the new condition of her heart.
 4. She woke up early in the morning, ready for the new day (vs. 19); ready to see what the Lord would do.
 5. She worshipped the Lord first thing in the morning (vs. 19).
 6. She returned (vs. 19). It was the same trip every year, but this time things looked different.
 7. She arrived at her house (vs. 19). By faith, she was counting her blessings already.
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HANNAH RECEIVING:

“And the LORD remembered her” (vs. 19). **“She bare a son, and called his name Samuel”** (vs. 20). God gave her this baby and she knew it, therefore she called him Samuel (Asked of God). Samuel’s life would be a testimony that God heard Hannah, remembered Hannah, and answered her prayers.

HANNAH BRINGING:

She weaned the child (vs. 24) and **“brought the child to Eli”** (vs. 25) and said, **“As long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD”** (vs. 28). It was reasonable to her to make this living sacrifice to the Lord. Similarly, we ought to be willing to present our **“bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service.*”** (Romans 12:1).
