

FIRST SAMUEL

Lesson 3: Chapter 2:1-10. Hannah's prayer of thanksgiving

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Gleanings from chapter 1:

Samuel's Genealogy: Recorded in 1 Chronicles 6:33-37. Note "Shemuel" (vs. 33) is Samuel.

Nazarite Vow: Hannah vowed that her son would be a Nazarite (1:11). It is a shame for a man to have long hair (1 Cor. 11:14). A Nazarite voluntarily makes himself (or herself) ashamed. (See Numbers 6:1-21). (See Samson: Judges 13:7)

Jesus was not a Nazarite. He did not have long hair, otherwise He would have been in rebellion against His Father. He was a Nazarene; a citizen from the city of Nazareth (Matthew 2:23).

Elkanah's Character: He keeps the law and worships God faithfully (1:3). He led his household in worshipping God (1:4). He tried to comfort Hannah; he's a kind man (1:8). He trusted his wife to make right decisions (1:23). Proverbs 31:11, speaking of the virtuous woman says, "*The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her.*" A spiritual man knows when to listen to his wife (compare Gen. 3:17, 16:2 and 21:12). It was important to Elkanah that the word of God be established (vs. 23).

CHAPTER 2

Verse 1 Hannah's source of joy was the LORD. He replaced her tears with joy; that's the salvation she speaks of in this verse; saved from her troubles. She's been strengthened by the Lord.

New Testament Salvation is in three tenses:

1. Past tense: we have been saved (John 5:24). God has delivered us from the guilt of sin by the death of Jesus Christ. This is justification.
 2. Present tense: We are being saved (Jude 24, Heb. 9:14) from the power of sin. This is sanctification.
 3. Future tense: We shall be saved (1 John 3:2) from the presence of sin. This is glorification.
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Verse 2 Hannah speaks of God's holiness as incomparable. No one is holy as the LORD. Also, she calls God a rock. David calls Him "the God of my rock" (2 Samuel 22:3). Jesus is:

1. The stumbling stone (Romans 9:32).
2. The stone the builders rejected (Psalms 118:22, 23).

3. The smiting stone, the crushing stone (Daniel 2:44, 45, Matthew 22:44).
 4. The head of the corner, chief cornerstone, precious cornerstone, a sure foundation (1 Pet. 2:7, Eph. 2:20, Isa. 28:16).
 5. The rock of refuge (Psalm 94:22).
 6. The rock upon which the church is built (Matthew 16:18).
 7. "That spiritual Rock that followed them" (1 Cor. 10:4).
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Verse 3 She exhorts all men to get rid of pride. Next to the Lord, we have nothing to brag about. Also, in this verse, God is a righteous judge because of His knowledge. There's nothing he doesn't know about you, therefore He can properly weigh your actions.

Verses 4-7 These verses point out how God can turn things around from bad to good and from good to bad. He determines who's on top and who will be put down.

Verse 6 **The LORD killeth** (the flood, Sodom and Gomorra, Egyptians in the Red Sea, Ananias and Sapphira, etc.) **and maketh alive** (Joseph, by God, saved many during the 7-year drought, Jairus' daughter was raised from the dead, Lazarus, Eutychus, etc). (See Job 1:21).

Verse 8 In this verse we see the resurrection (from the dust), the Tribulation survivor (from the dunghill), and the throne of Glory upon which Jesus Christ will reign.

Notice that the WORLD sits upon the pillars of the earth. The two are not the same. The earth is the physical planet that God created. The world is the system of evil introduced by Satan.

Verse 9 God will keep the feet of his saints. See 2 Sam. 22:37, Psalm 18:36, and Prov. 3:6, 4:12. Then Hannah says no man can prevail by their own strength. God must save us; we can't save ourselves. Also, we can't do anything for God apart from His enabling us.

Verse 10 In this verse we see the Second Coming (Rev. 19), the judgment of nations (Matt. 25), and Jesus Christ sitting as King on His throne of glory in Jerusalem (Matt. 25:31).

"The horn (power) of his anointed" speaks of Jesus Christ. *Anointed* = Messiah (Hebrew) = Christos (Greek) = Christ (English).
