

Hannah — A Godly Mother

1 SAMUEL 1:1-2:11

¹ Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim Zophim, of the mountains of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. ² And he had two wives: the name of one was Hannah, **(Grace)** and the name of the other Peninnah. **(Round as a pearl)** Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

³ This man went up from his city yearly to worship and sacrifice to the Lord of hosts in Shiloh. Also, the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the Lord, were there. ⁴ And whenever the time came for Elkanah to make an offering, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵ But to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, although the Lord had closed her womb.

⁶ And her rival also provoked her severely, to make her miserable, because the Lord had closed her womb. ⁷ So it was, year by year, when she went up to the house of the Lord, that she provoked her; therefore she wept and did not eat.

Hannah's Vow

⁸ Then Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? And why is your heart grieved? Am I not better to you than ten sons?" **(The answer ladies.... Nope!)**

⁹ So Hannah arose after they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the tabernacle of the Lord. ¹⁰ And she was in bitterness of soul, **(Angry)** and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish. ¹¹ Then she made a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head." **(IE, I will raise him to keep vows also)**

¹² And it happened, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli watched her mouth. **(He should have been watching his own mouth...)** ¹³ Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴ So Eli said to her, “How long will you be drunk? Put your wine away from you!”

¹⁵ But Hannah answered and said, “No, my lord, I am a woman of sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord. ¹⁶ “Do not consider your maidservant a wicked woman, for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief I have spoken until now.”

¹⁷ Then Eli answered and said, “Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him.”

¹⁸ And she said, “Let your maidservant find favor in your sight.” So the woman went her way and ate, **(Watch the decision she makes...)** and her face was no longer sad.

Samuel Is Born and Dedicated

¹⁹ Then they rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord, and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰ So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, “Because I have asked for him from the Lord.”

- **Samuel means: Asked for, in the presence of God**

²¹ Now the man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and his vow. ²² But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “Not until the child is weaned; then I will take him, that he may appear before the Lord and remain there forever.”

JUST A LITTLE MORE TIME WITH MY SON...

²³ So Elkanah, her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him. Only let the Lord establish **(Accomplish)** His

word.” Then the woman stayed and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

- ***That was really good advice from her husband: Let God do the calling of our children... Not us!***

²⁴ Now when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls, one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, **(this constituted the consecration-offering)** and brought him to the house of the Lord in Shiloh. And the child was young. ²⁵ Then they slaughtered a bull and brought the child to Eli. ²⁶ And she said, “O my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to the Lord.

²⁷ “For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. ²⁸ “Therefore I also have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord.” So they worshiped the Lord there.

1 Samuel 2 - Hannah's Prayer

¹ And Hannah prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the Lord;

My horn **(IE, My mountain top experience)** is exalted in the Lord.

I smile at my enemies,

Because I rejoice in Your salvation.

² “No one is holy like the Lord,
For there is none besides You,
Nor is there any rock like our God.

- ***Praying for her critics, she prays...***

³ “Talk no more so very proudly;
Let no arrogance come from your mouth,
For the Lord is the God of knowledge;
And by Him actions are weighed.

⁴ “The bows of the mighty men are broken,
And those who stumbled are girded with strength.

5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
And the hungry have ceased to hunger.
Even the barren has borne seven,
And she who has many children has become feeble.

6 "The Lord kills and makes alive;
He brings down to the grave and brings up.

7 The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
He brings low and lifts up.

8 He raises the poor from the dust
And lifts the beggar from the ash heap,
To set them among princes
And make them inherit the throne of glory.
"For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
And He has set the world upon them. **(He's got the whole world, in His hands)**

9 He will guard the feet of His saints,
But the wicked shall be silent in darkness.
"For by strength no man shall prevail.

10 The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken in pieces;
From heaven He will thunder against them.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth.
"He will give strength to His king,
And exalt the horn of His anointed."

11 Then Elkanah went to his house at Ramah. But the child ministered to the Lord before Eli the priest.

What a great Mother was Hannah! As I read her story 5 things touch my heart about her:

1. Her Sorrow

2. Her Supplication

3. Her Surrender

4. Her Son!

5. Her Service

1. Her Sorrow

- a. Like ALL of us, Hannah was NOT in a perfect family!
- b. Her husband, though a Godly man as well, was a polygamist.
- c. God NEVER intended for ANY man to have more than one wife, but Jesus Himself said this about it...
- d. **Matthew 19:8-10** - He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. *(IE, Adam only had one wife, and that is God's plan)* 9 And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery." 10 His disciples said to Him, "If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry."
- e. She was in a tough marriage, but she served and worshipped the Lord in spite of it!
- f. **THAT'S A GOOD MOM!**

2. Her Supplication

- a. Hannah's prayers are both heartfelt, and a great example!
- b. Hannah... Was mad! There is no getting around that!
 1. She had good reason to be, too!
 2. She had feelings, hurt feelings, and she expressed them in a wonderful way...
 3. She took her anger to God!
 4. **Ephesians 4:26-27** says, "26 "BE ANGRY, AND DO NOT SIN": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil.
- c. When Hannah felt her feelings welling up, She prayed...
- d. **THAT'S A GREAT MOM!**
- e. My Mom used to sit at our kitchen table, pull her apron up over her head, and pray!
- f. Parents, let your children hear your prayers! They will cherish them and replicate them all the days of their lives!

3. Her Surrender

- a. Hannah said, "For this child I prayed."

1. Wiersbe says in his commentary, "If we had more Moms like Hannah, we would have a lot more children like Samuel."
2. The reason CCSV is SO blessed with young people serving the Lord around here... IS because of parents like Hannah and Elkanah who surrendered their most precious blessings to the Lord!
- b. When the time came... Hannah, gladly... with rejoicing... surrendered herself, her sorrow, her shame, and then her son... to the Lord.
- c. **NOW, THAT IS A GREAT MOM!**
- d. Jesus reminds us all, **Matthew 6:33** - **But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**
 1. Hannah's story continues with her visiting her son often, and every year she made him a little coat, AND a Priest's ephod to wear, just like the one the high priest wore.
 2. She not only surrendered her own heart, but she reminded her little boy whose he was - He belonged to the Lord, and she never let him forget it!

4. Her Son!

- a. Her son! Her son would grow up to anoint Kings.
- b. Samuel was the last of a long line of judges, who basically were the rulers over God's people...
- c. At a time when visions and words from the Lord were rare, Samuel seemed to hear clearly from God, even as a child.
- d. Do you remember this account of Samuel as a child?
- e. **1 Samuel 3:1-4** - And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision. 2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; 3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep; 4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.
- f. Hannah's son was able to hear from the Lord.... **THAT'S A GREAT MOM!**

- g. Parents, there is no greater blessing than to raise kids that will also say to God: " Here am I."

Lastly...

- 5. **Her Service**... Hannah wasn't a star, a queen, or a celebrity.
 - a. But in my estimation...
 - 1. She WAS a warrior... A prayer Warrior!
 - 2. She WAS a hero... For her Lord.
 - 3. She was a vow keeper, even when the price she paid was high!
 - 4. **SHE WAS A GREAT MOM!**
 - 5. She put God first, she believed in prayer, she kept her vows, and she gave God all the glory.

Listen to her prayer in song...

A Mother's Prayer (HANNAH'S SONG) Words by Rachel Aldous

Verse:

I stare in wonder at your tiny frame.
Just to think that God knows you by name.
He knows every hair on your beautiful head.
He knows all your thoughts before they are said.

Verse:

My sweet baby on loan from above.
No better treasure could I more love.
I stand here beside your bed as I pray
I lay my hand on your head and I say:

Chorus:

May you grow up to serve Him
all of your days
May He lead you and guide you
in all of your ways.
May His Hand bless your future with

friendships that last.
May you cherish your youth
And not grow up too fast!

May God grant you peace
in the midst of a storm.
May God give you strength even
when you're forlorn.
May you answer the door when
Jesus comes knocking.
May wisdom guide when
your mouth is talking.
May discretion protect you
and keep you pure.
May you never stumble
or fall for a lure.
May your heart remain humble
to the very end.
May uprightness and truth
be what you defend.
May the world not ensnare
or change who you are.
May the light that's within you
shine like the stars.
May angels surround you
body, spirit, mind.
May favor and peace be yours to find.
May rejection and pain
never reach you.
May your spirit grow bold
for what you're called to.

As you rest in God's care I will rest, too.
Knowing that Jesus is watching over you.
Amen