

HANNAH'S PRAYER

1 Samuel 1:1-2:10

Key verse 1:11

Discussion questions:

- What lessons can we learn for our own lives from Hannah's prayer? (Jas 5:16)
- How does prayer work to give us peace and confidence in the Lord in times of personal crisis? (Php 4:6-7)

Inductive study questions:

1. What were the spiritual conditions in Israel during the period of the judges? (cf. Judges 21:25) Who was Elkanah, and where did he live? (1) Who were Elkanah's wives, and how were they different? (2) Despite the wickedness of the time of Judges, what does verse 3 reveal about Elkanah and his family's faith in the Lord? Why was Hannah upset, and how did Elkanah comfort her? (4-8)
2. Describe Hannah's prayer and her vow. (9-11) Who observed Hannah's prayer, and what did he think? (12-13) What did Eli say to Hannah? (14) How did Hannah explain her conduct to Eli, and how did he respond? (15-18)
3. Describe how Hannah's prayer was answered. (19-20) What does this show about the power of prayer? (21) What was the child named, and what does this name mean? What does this prove about how God can answer prayer today?
4. Why did Hannah not go to the next yearly sacrifice? (21-23) When was Samuel brought to the tabernacle, and what sacrifice was offered? (24-25) What did Hannah explain to Eli? (26-28)
5. What did Hannah say to praise God in verses 2:1,2? In your own words explain the main point of Hannah's prayer. (3-10)