

SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon

SING FOR THE KING

1 Samuel 2:1-11

Observations About the Text

1. Hannah's joy is in the stability of God, not her circumstances.

People who have wrestled long with God and surrendered to His way and His will discover that even pain is in His hands. They know that all pain and all trials are temporary, and God always restores those He loves.

2. God is sovereign over all the earth and all things.

No harm will come to you, except that which He ordains, and if He ordains it, He will rescue you from it at the proper time.

3. God reverses the fortunes of mankind.

God turns the kingdoms of this world on their heads.

4. The Holy Spirit reveals God's plan to bring a king to Israel.

Digging Deeper into the Message

Read 1 Samuel 2:1-11 and answer the questions that follow.

What event has just occurred, which is prompting Hannah to sing this song?

Write 6 attributes of God (phrases that describe what he is *like*) and 6 actions of God (phrases that describe what he *does*) from the passage.

Attributes	Actions
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6

Write 3 examples, from the passage, of reversals of fortunes or people changing places.

How can you apply these principles to your life this week?

Community Group

ICEBREAKER: Have you ever waited a long time for something? How did it feel when you finally got it?

QUESTIONS:

- ❖ Read Point 1 on the MAP and its sub-point. What are some examples of God’s accomplishments? (from history, the bible, your own life, etc.)
- ❖ What are some examples of God being unchanging?
- ❖ How can all of these examples of God’s accomplishments and unchanging nature affect your life?
- ❖ Read Point 2 and its sub-point.
- ❖ Discuss the following A. Kuyper quote from the sermon: *“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ who is Sovereign over all does not cry, ‘Mine!’”* What are some examples of specific, small things that belong to Jesus?
- ❖ Why does God allow harm to come to us at all?
- ❖ Read Point 3 on the Map and the sub-point.
- ❖ Think of at least 5 stories (from real life or stories/fables) about a reversal of fortunes or a person going from one extreme to the other. (for example: the story of Cinderella, *Remember the Titans*, LeBron James, etc.)
- ❖ How do these stories all reflect what Jesus did for us?
- ❖ Read the final point on the MAP.
- ❖ Which important king(s) is this referring to?
- ❖ How can knowing that Jesus is the King of the universe change your perspective on your life?
- ❖ Is there anything else you want to talk about from the sermon or this passage?

APPLICATION: this week, meditate on the fact that Jesus is the King of the Universe.