

1 Samuel 2:1-11

Hannah's Prayer

1. A Prayer of Rejoicing

- a. After giving Samuel, fulfilling her vow, Hannah rejoices (not sorrowing) in a prayer.
- b. *"My heart rejoiceth in the LORD"* - Phi 4:4 is not about you, but the LORD's doings.
- c. 2-3 - *"holy... actions are weighed"* - he hears humble hearts, delivers justice. 1Sa 1:6
- d. 4 - *"are broken... girded with strength... hungry ceased"* - by the LORD's power!
- e. 5 - Hannah *"the barren hath born"* - Peninah *"waxed feeble"* - her mouth is shut.
- f. 6-7 - *"LORD killeth,... maketh alive"* - By power, authority, judgment, purpose not fate
- g. 8 - *"he raiseth... to set them"* - She had a child after her vow to give him to the Lord.
 - i. She glories in him, He did it all, it was God's grace that performed it.
- h. 9 - *"by strength shall no man prevail"* - Not of her strength, but her obedience.
- i. 10 - *"shall he thunder upon them"* - heaven is no longer silent, God has spoken.
 - i. He judged this; he will judge all things right. Priests and kings are anointed.
- j. 11 - *"the child did minister unto the LORD"* - He remains to minister unto the LORD.

2. A Foretelling of Future Kings

- a. This prayer foreshadows the 55 chapters of Samuel, and Israel's future kingdom
- b. Skeptics deny Hannah said these things, because of what they say of the future.
- c. 1 - *"mine horn is exalted"* - Horn refers to a source of pride, glory, strength, honor. Think Ram's horn Josh 6:4, see Deu 33:17, Ps 75:5, 148:13-14, also a king Dan 8:8-9, 21.
- d. 2 - *"none holy as the LORD"* - Rom 3:10, none are righteous, even kings and priests.
- e. 3-4 - *"talk no more ... proudly"* - God judges a king's pride, Saul will be broken.
- f. 4 - Strength not in weapons or might of men (Saul), but in what helps the humble.
- g. 6-8 - *"to set among princes"* - God sets up and tears down kings (a shepherd to king)
- h. 8 - *"pillars of the earth"* - The pillars are those that uphold his purposes (not Saul)
- i. 9 - *"keep the feet of his saints"* - David will be preserved while Saul sits in darkness.
- j. *"by strength shall no man prevail"* they need obedience/faith toward God like Jacob
- k. 10 - *"strength unto his king"* - God will empower David to destroy giants, be king.

3. A Prophecy of Christ and His Kingdom

- a. Her words are also prophecies about the future Messiah of the LORD (Christ)
- b. 1-2 - The Holy One, the LORD, is the Rock of salvation - Deu 32:16, Ps 89:26, 95:1
- c. 3 - The LORD is the righteous Judge and will do right - Gen 18:25, John 5:22
- d. 4 - The LORD brings justice and bread in his kingdom - Matt 5:3-12, 6:11
- e. 5 - *"barren... seven"* Samuel the 7th born, but Hannah the 5th woman, also Gal 4:25-27
- f. 6 - *"he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up"* = resurrection - Hos 6:2, John 11:25
- g. 7 - *"he bringeth low, and lifteth up"* - Isa 2:11-12, Matt 19:28-30, Jam 1:9-10
- h. Like Luke 1:46-55 - Hannah like Mary, Samuel like the young Jesus - 1 Sam 2:26
- i. 8 - *"the poor... the beggar"* - Luke 4:18, 6:20, 16:20-22, 18:22, 21:1-4, Phi 2:8-9
- j. 9 - *"He will keep the feet of his saints"* - His little flock preserved to the end - Lk 12:32
- k. Jesus said he is the way, he rejected the wicked servants - Matt 21:41, Jn 10:27, 17:12
- l. 10 - *"broken to pieces... out of heaven shall he thunder"* - The return of the LORD.
 - i. *"exalt the horn of his anointed"* = Messiah is exalted in Israel's future kingdom.