

# THROUGH PRAYER & WORSHIP

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**Message Title:** Through Prayer and Worship

**Message Text:** 1 Samuel 1

## Introduction:

There are many wonderful examples of mothers in the Bible that God has given to us for our benefit. There is the sweet surrender of Mary the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:38), the strong resolve of Jael who defeated the Assyrian general (Judges 4) and the steadfast faith of the widow of Zarephath who fed Elijah not knowing where she would get more food for herself and her son (1 Kings 17). However, there is another woman who stands out from many others because of her worship and prayer. Her name is Hannah. Hannah navigated crushing grief and vindictive irritation through *prayer* and *worship*. We can do the same.

## 1. A \_\_\_\_\_ Heart (1-9)

### A. Her \_\_\_\_\_ (5)

*1 Samuel 1:1–5 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite: 2 And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. 3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the Lord of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the Lord, were there. 4 And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: 5 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the Lord had shut up her womb.*

NOTE — The Law required all adult Hebrew males to appear at the tabernacle or temple of the Lord for the three major religious festivals of the year (Ex. 23:14–17). —BKC

SHILOH — the location of the tabernacle.

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NOTE — Because a Hebrew man's posterity was bound up in his having a son to perpetuate his name, his wife's inability to conceive a son was regarded as a curse from God. The Israelites considered the inability to bear children as a curse. —BKC

*Deuteronomy 7:13–14 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee. 14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.*

*Titus 2:3–5 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*

**B. Her \_\_\_\_\_** (6-8)

*1 Samuel 1:6–8 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the Lord had shut up her womb. 7 And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the Lord, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. 8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?*

ADVERSARY — rival

*Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

DEFINITION—PROVOKE SORE : to call forth a feeling of anger; to taunt

DEFINITION—FRET: to irritate; to cause annoyance in; disturb.

NOTE — Who or what irritates us, often controls us.

*Psalm 37:1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, Neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.*

*Psalm 37:7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.*

**2. A \_\_\_\_\_ Heart** (9-17)

**A. She was \_\_\_\_\_** (9-10)

*1 Samuel 1:9–10 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the Lord. 10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore.*

*Psalm 62:8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, Pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.*

*1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*

**B. She was \_\_\_\_\_ (11)**

*1 Samuel 1:11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.*

**NAZIRITE VOW** — The Hebrew term for “Nazirite” comes from the Hebrew word meaning “to separate.” —FSB

**C. She was \_\_\_\_\_ (12-16)**

*1 Samuel 1:12–16 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli marked her mouth. 13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. 14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. 15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord. 16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.*

**NOTE** — Hannah considered drunkenness as the lifestyle of the daughters of Belial.

**D. She was \_\_\_\_\_ (17)**

*1 Samuel 1:17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.*

### **3. A \_\_\_\_\_ Heart (18-20)**

**A. She \_\_\_\_\_ God Unconditionally (18-19)**

*1 Samuel 1:18–19 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad. 19 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the Lord, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the Lord remembered her.*

**DEFINITION**—**WORSHIPPED**: to bow down; to worship, conceived of as bowing down to a deity.

**QUESTION** — Do we worship *God for God* or do we worship *God for gifts*?

Psalm 95:6 O come, let us worship and bow down: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

QUOTE: It is impossible to worship God and remain unchanged. — Henry Blackaby

## B. She \_\_\_\_\_ God Purposefully (20)

*1 Samuel 1:20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord.*

NOTE — Samuel means “his name is God” or “name of God”—an emphasis on God’s role in Samuel’s life. Hannah’s explanation of the name is a wordplay based on a similar-sounding Hebrew phrase meaning “heard from God.” —BKC

## C. She \_\_\_\_\_ Samuel Indefinitely (21-28)

*1 Samuel 1:21–28 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. 22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord, and there abide for ever. 23 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the Lord establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him. 24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the Lord in Shiloh: and the child was young. 25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli. 26 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord. 27 For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him: 28 Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord...*

NOTE — It was customary for a child to be nursed until he was about three years of age.

DEFINITION—LENT: to be dedicated; to be set apart something for sacred uses with solemn rites, conceived of as being lent.

## Conclusion

*1 Samuel 1:28 ...And he worshipped the Lord there.*



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