

# Prayers God Answers

1 Samuel 1-2:11

**There are prayers God loves to answer!**

## **1. Hannah is in a desperate state (1-8)**

- a. She is barren
- b. She's in an awkward marriage
- c. She's being harassed

## **2. Hannah had a change in perspective (9-20)**

- a. She "got up"
- b. She prays
- c. Her vow reveals a change of perspective

## **3. Will Hannah keep her word? (21-28)**

- a. She received what she requested
- b. Now, will she give what she promised?

## **4. Hannah's prayers turned to praise (2:1-11)**

## **For Further Study and Reflection:**

- *The Deep Things of God* by Fred Sanders
- *The Pursuit of God* by AW Tozer

## **Small Group Questions:**

- 1.** Why is Hannah's situation so desperate? Have you ever experienced a time where you felt desperate like Hannah? Does her barrenness mean God was displeased with her?
- 2.** How do we know Hannah had a change of perspective? Pastor Eric made the argument that she had become content in the Lord. Do you agree with him? Why or why not? What evidence supports this claim?
- 3.** What does this passage teach us about prayers, and making vows? Should we try to leverage God's response by making vows to Him?
- 4.** Committing her son to a Nazarite vow means a lifetime of service. How does giving her child away satisfy her longing for a child?
- 5.** What language stands out to you from Hannah's song of praise in 2:1-11? Why do you think Mary riffed on this song of praise when she composed her own Magnificat? (Luke 1:46-55).