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1 Samuel 2:1-2, *And Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.”*

- * **Exult:** Exuberant rejoicing that wells up from within and comes out audibly or in a visible expression of unrestrained celebration!
- * **In the Lord:** Joy that wells up from our souls is not something we find in this world, in our circumstances, or in ourselves. Joy is a response to the saving work of God.
- * **My horn is exalted:** A horn (think ox, ram, stag, etc.) throughout Scripture is used as a symbol of strength.
- * **My mouth derides:** The Hebrew word for deride means to “open wide” or “enlarge”. NLT translates it as “now I have an answer for my enemies.”

Isaiah 40:21-23, *Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.*

- * Hannah goes on to describe God’s incomparability in 3 ways:

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1 Samuel 2:3, *Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.*

- * **Let not arrogance come from you mouth:** Both the verbs and the pronoun “your” are plural. In other words, all mouths should stop talking with arrogance before a God who knows.
- * **By Him actions are weighed:** He hears every word that Hannah prays, even when the words aren’t audible (see chapter 1), and He knows everything that Penninah said to her year after year to bring her to tears.
- * Hannah doesn’t have to take matters into her own hands when it comes to her rival.
- * It is God’s perfect knowledge, that gives Him the ability to provide perfect justice.

Jeremiah 17:10, *But I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve.*

Hebrews 4:13, *And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

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1 Samuel 2:4-8, *The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and on them he has set the world.*

- ✳ **These verses give 7 contrasting statements about God's sovereign power:** Mighty and weak, well fed and starving, barren and fertile, death and life, sickness and health, poor and rich, common and noble.
- ✳ **God is able to do all of this because in verse 8:** The whole earth belongs to Him!
- ✳ **He lifts the needy from the ash heap:** This is the heart of God and we see it all throughout Scripture. We see it in the teachings of Jesus, the ministry of Jesus, and the life of Jesus. His heart for the needy and poor is especially displayed on the cross.

Jeremiah 32:27, *I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?*

Isaiah 40:28-29, *Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.*

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1 Samuel 2:9-10, *He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.*

- ✳ God's justice will triumph in all the earth and He will be victorious over everything!
- ✳ **Strength to his king:** This was during a time when Israel had no king.
- ✳ **Exalt the horn of his anointed:** Again horn is referring to strength, but this time God is giving strength and raising up a king who will be the means of God's victory.
- ✳ **Anointed:** The Hebrew word anointed is where we get our English word Messiah.

Psalms 132:17, *I will cause the horn of David to spring forth; I have prepared a lamp for Mine anointed.*

Luke 1:68-69, *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.*

Colossians 2:13-15, *When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

We rejoice because He rescues us!

- ✳ Jesus has lifted us up and rescued our souls in the ultimate way.
- ✳ He also lifts us up and rescues us each and every day!

Psalms 68:19, *Praise the Lord; praise God our savior! For each day he carries us in his arms. (NLT)*

Isaiah 46:4, *Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.*