I. **HANNAH’S STORY.**

A. About Hannah.
   1. Her husband’s name was *Elkanah*.
   2. He had two *wives*, Hannah and Peninnah.
   3. The other wife had *children* while Hannah had none.

B. Hannah’s plight.
   1. She was *barren*.
      a. God had closed her womb—1:5b.
      b. Hannah faced repeated *ridicule* from the other wife—1:6-7a.
   2. Hannah was **burdened** because of her barrenness—1:7b.
      a. Her husband did not give her *emotional* support—1:8.
      b. She expressed her concern in *prayer*—1:10.
      c. She promised God that if He gave her a son that she would *dedicate* him to the Lord—1:11.
   3. She was **blessed**.
      a. God eventually answered her *prayer* for a son—1:19-20.
      b. She kept her *promise* and gave her son back to the Lord—1:24, 27-28.
      d. Hannah’s prayer may have prophesied the coming *Messiah*—2:10b.

II. **HANNAH’S LESSONS.**

A. She was **persistent** in prayer—are we?—1:7.

B. She had *faith* in God—1:17-18.

C. She faithfully endured *hardship*—1:7.

D. She *praised* God for His goodness and answering her prayer—2:1-2.

E. She kept her promise or *vow* to God.