

FROM BARRENNESS TO BLESSING
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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.
 - c. God blessed her with five more children—2:20-21.
 - 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.