

FOR THIS CHILD I PRAYED

1 SAMUEL 1:1-2:11

Text: 1 Samuel 1:27

(1 Samuel 1:27) "For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:"

Introduction:

Hanna was a woman with a burden and a dream. She was the childless wife of Elkanah. Peninnah, Elkanah's other wife, had children, and mock Hannah because she was barren.

One day while at the temple with her husband Hannah had a life changing day, and went home knowing that she would bear a child.

What kind of woman was this mother? There are many characteristics found in her life that should be found not only in every mother here but in everyone's life.

Notice:

1. SHE WAS A WOMAN WHO KEPT ON PRAYING (1:10-17)

(1 Samuel 1:10-17) "And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. {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. {12} 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. {17} Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him."

A. Hannah had prayed long for a child without receiving an answer

1. Years passed and she still was without a child.

2. Tears flowed and still she had no child

B. Persistence in prayer is valuable (v 10)

(1 Samuel 1:10) "And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore."

C. She prayed unselfishly and fervently (v 11-17)

1. She promised to give her son to the Lord

2. SHE WAS A WOMAN WHO KEPT HER PROMISES (1:18-28)

(1 Samuel 1:18-28) "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. {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. {21} 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. And he worshipped the LORD there."

A. Hannah stopped weeping and started worshipping (v 18-19)

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to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her."

B. Samuel was born in answer to her prayer.

C. Two great events took place in Hannah's life when she returned to the temple.

1. She testified of answered prayer.

(1 Samuel 1:26-27) "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:"

2. She gave Samuel to the Lord for life.

(1 Samuel 1:28) "Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there."

3. SHE WAS A WOMAN WHO KEPT ON PRAISING (2:1-10)

(1 Samuel 2:1-10) "And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. {2} There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is

there any rock like our God. {3} Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. {4} The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. {5} They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. {6} The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. {7} The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. {8} He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them. {9} He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. {10} The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed."

A. Spurgeon said, "Prayer and praise are happy companions."

B. Hannah praised the Lord for several reasons

1. She praised the Lord for His salvation
(v.1)

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2. She praised the Lord for His holiness
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4. She praised the Lord for His power.
(v. 5-6)

(1 Samuel 2:5-6) "They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. {6} The LORD

killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up."

5. She praised the Lord for His compassion
(v. 7-9)

(1 Samuel 2:7-9) "The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. {8} He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them. {9} He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail."

6. She praised the Lord for His present
and future victories (v.10)

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C. Hannah's words still move others to praise her Lord.

Close

We need parents who are saved, and who pray, keep their promises, and praise the Lord for all He is and has done.