

A Praying Mom

Text: 1 Samuel 1:1-2:11

Topics: Prayer, Hardship, Salvation

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As a praying mom...

1. Dedicate your _____ to God (1:1-11)
 - A. Dedicate - to devote wholly and earnestly unto.
 - B. "Lord of Hosts" (vs. 11) This is the first mention in the Bible of this title of God. Many believe it refers to an innumerable army of angels that God can dispatch to help his people.
 - C. Are you providing an atmosphere where your kids can hear God's voice? Are you discipling your children?

2. Declare your _____ to God (1:12-18)
 - A. Hannah was pouring out her soul to the Lord, praying from the depth of her "anguish and resentment."
 - B. "I pour out my complaint before him, I tell my trouble before him" (Ps. 142:2).
 - C. Do you pray honestly through the frustrations of your life? Do your frustrations commonly lead you into prayer or from it?

3. Devote your _____ to God (1:19-2:11)
 - A. As Hannah prays, she is lifting up a praise to God for His blessings. Her prayer is prophetic and unlocks the theme of the rest of the book of 1 Samuel as she makes a reference to the "king" in verse 10.
 - B. Her prayer is a praise focus on how God has reversed her fortune. Our prayers can be a praise focus of how God has reversed our fortunes through Jesus.
 - C. Do you spend time in your prayers in praise to God for His salvation?

God chose Hannah to play an important role in the story of redemption. Hanna's son Samuel - grew up to serve Israel as a prophet during a very important time in Israel's history. Samuel would grow up to anoint King David. And God would make a promise to David that from his descendants would come the great king - the messiah Jesus whose rule would be everlasting.

Application Questions

1. What was a primary difference between the two wives of Elkanah? (1:2)
2. How did the husband treat Hannah on the occasion of feasts? Why? (1:5, 8)
3. How was Hannah treated? (1:6)
4. Who observed Hannah in the temple? (1:9, 13)
5. What was Hannah's emotional state when the feasting ended? (1:10)
6. What was Hannah's vow before the Lord? (1:11)
7. How did Hannah's mood change after she had prayed? (1:18)
8. What did Hannah take along with the child to the house of the Lord? (1:24)
9. What was the purpose of these items? (1:25)
10. How did Hannah explain her vow and its fulfillment? (1:25-28)
11. What was the prevailing emotion of Hannah's prayer? (2:1)
12. In what way had her position changed with respect to her rival within the family? (2:1)
13. What is one trait of God's character which particularly inspired Hannah's praise? (2:2)
14. What is the ultimate answer for human arrogance? (2:3)
15. What are some of the total reversals named by Hannah as acts of God? (2:4-8)
16. How do the poor and downtrodden of the earth ultimately fare with God? (2:8)
17. Which of Hannah's praises foreshadowed the coming of Messiah? (2:10)
18. Why did Hannah's demeanor change so dramatically after she prayed?
19. What other responses to her predicament could Hannah have chosen?
20. Why is it important to take our requests to God?
21. Why is God opposed to those who are proud and self-important?
22. What vow or promise to God do you need to see through to completion?
23. What instance of pride or unhealthy self-reliance do you need to confess today?
24. What ongoing trial or grief can you commit to God in prayer?