



## PRAYER OF A MOTHER'S HEART

*1 Samuel 1:9-2:11*

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This book begins and ends with the life and ministry of Samuel. Samuel becomes a prophet of the Lord and the man God used to establish the kingship of Israel as a judge. It was through Samuel that God's power to deliver Israel and defeat Israel's enemies is displayed. However, this study is not about Samuel, but it about the one who prayed, trusted, and committed herself to God on behalf of her child... Today, we look at Hannah, Samuel's Mother and the prayer she prayed for her son.

### **1 Samuel 1:9-23**

*"After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. **10** She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. **11** And she vowed a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head." ...*

***17** "Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." **18** And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad. **19** They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. **20** And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the Lord." **21** The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. **22** But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there forever." **23** Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him."*

### **1 Samuel 2:1-11**

*"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. **2** "There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. **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. **4** The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. **5** 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.*

**6** The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. **7** The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. **8** 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. **9** "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. **10** 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." **11** Then Elkanah went home to Ramah. And the boy was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli the priest."

### **1. Hannah Prays a VOW to the LORD (v 9-18)**

- Her prayer is HUMBLE, BOLD, and of the HEART.
- Her vow is NORMAL, SPECIFIC, and HOPEFUL. (v 17)

### **2. Hannah WORSHIPS the LORD and is BLESSED with a SON. (v 19-28)**

- She CELEBRATES Samuel's age with a FEAST.
- She gives her GIFT (son) back to the GIVER.

### **3. Hannah Prays a PRAISE to the LORD (v 2:1-11)**

- We PRAY to the Lord for His SALVATION. (v 1-2)
- We WARN the proud of the Lord's HUMBLING. (v 3-8)
- We AFFIRM the Lord's faithful CARE for His SAINTS. (v 8-9)
- We PETITION the Lord to JUDGE the world and to PROSPER His anointed King. (v 9-10)

While some parents have made vows today to raise up their child in the teachings & ways of the Lord, let us all consider how we can parent our young people so they are given the chance to be influenced and "to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and also with man." Don't give up praying for your child and praying for other children who need to grow in the LORD. Not all of us are biological mothers or parents, yet the church has been given the responsibility to raise up the next generations who will adhere to God's commands, decrees, and statutes. We pray for the children's sake — for salvation, for humbling, for care and for judgment.