

## **A MOTHER WHO GAVE HER CHILD AWAY (1 Samuel 1:9-11)**

### **I. Hannah was a woman of prayer (1:10-17).**

A. There is no doubt that Hannah had sought the blessing of God in being able to conceive.

1. Years had gone by but she was still barren.

2. She was mocked by Penninah and this caused her much anguish.

B. While on a trip to Shiloh to worship God, she decided that she would pray again to God at the tabernacle.

1. Notice how she is described as she prayed (1 Samuel 1:10).

2. She was in agony mentally and emotionally.

3. She went to the only source of true relief.

C. We all know mothers are naturally more caring and compassionate than us fathers.

1. We love but not like a mother does.

2. Here is a woman who wanted the blessing of a child and was so grieved and overwhelmed that she wept in anguish as she prayed.

3. There are probably mothers here who have prayed in this manner over a child or on behalf of a child.

4. You mothers can probably relate to her in terms of her anguish.

5. Maybe not over wanting a child, though that may be the case with some, but over problems with your child or that your child was having.

D. As she prayed, she revealed that she was not asking for selfish reasons.

1. She promised to give the child, if it was a son, back to the Lord.

2. We need mothers who want their sons to be servants of God.

3. She truly did and her commitment was far from that which mothers today would make.

E. We read that Eli addressed her and believed that she was drunken.

1. She was so emotionally involved in her prayer and request that she made sure that he understood that for which she was praying.

2. He was so moved by the prayer of this woman that he told her that her request would be granted.

F. I know there are no high priests or prophets who will tell you that your prayer will definitely be answered in the way you want it.

1. However, we still learn persistence in prayer, which is something that Jesus taught (Luke 11:5-10).

2. If a mother, or any other Christian, has a matter that is weighing on her heart, don't stop praying about it.

### **II. Hannah was a woman who kept her promises (1:18-28).**

A. Once Hannah had the answer from Eli, she worshiped God.

B. We are then told that God did answer her prayer and she had a son whom she named Samuel, which means asked of God.

1. She took great care of her baby.

2. She stayed away from Shiloh until she had weaned him.

3. When this process was finished, she kept her vow to God.

C. Two things took place at the temple.

1. She gave God the glory for her answered prayer (1 Samuel 1:27).

- a. This was nothing she could have done on her own.
  - b. She gave God the glory for the blessing of Samuel.
  - c. We would all do very well to remember to give God the glory for things about which we've prayed.
2. She gave her child to God.
- a. She had made a vow to God and she kept it.
  - b. She understood the importance of keeping vows and did not fail in her promise.
  - c. We need to understand, if we are Christians, we have made a vow to God.
    - (1) We are going to live for Him.
    - (2) We are going to do His will and not our own.
    - (3) This is true in all things, even parenting.
    - (4) We are to do things His way when it comes to our children.
    - (5) God knows best, not mom and dad and we need to remember that in every decision we make for our children and with them.

### **III. Hannah was a woman of praise (2:1-10).**

A.C.H. Spurgeon said a long time ago that prayer and praise are happy companions.

B. Hannah praised God for several reasons.

- 1. She praised God for His salvation (vs 1).
  - a. This is something for which we should continually praise God.
  - b. He has made a way of salvation for us and our children.
- 2. She praised God for His holiness (vs. 2).
  - a. There is none holy like God.
  - b. However, we are to strive to be holy like Him (1 Peter 1:15-16).
- 3. She praised God for His faithfulness (vs. 2).
  - a. God keeps His promises.
  - b. If we don't learn anything else from the Old Testament, we should learn this.
- 4. She praised God for His power (vs. 5-6).
  - a. Our God is a powerful God and can do great things.
  - b. He won't act in our lives if we don't seek His action.
- 5. She praised God for His compassion (vs. 7-9).
  - a. God knows our struggles and heartaches.
  - b. He is truly a God of compassion (Psalm 86:15).
- 6. She praised God for His present and future victories.
  - a. God will always overcome evil.
  - b. He is victorious in everything He sets out to do.

C. Hannah's praise for God still leads others to praise God today.

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