

The Heart of a Mother - 1 Samuel 1:1-2:21

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M.I.P. The heart of a godly mother receives from God, pours out in love, releases back to God, and worships through tears.

A Mother's Day Word

Mother's Day is beautiful for many, but painful for others. God sees it all. He knows right where you are, He knows your heart, and He loves you unimaginably.

1. Hannah's Pain Was Not Hidden from God - 1 Samuel 1:1-8

1. Hannah's story begins with a hole in her heart: Peninnah had children, but Hannah did not. Before Hannah ever held a child, God saw the heartache of a woman who longed to be a mother.
2. Year after year, Peninnah taunted Hannah on the way to worship the Lord. Hannah was reduced to tears and could not even eat. Her pain was deep, repeated, and public.
3. Elkanah loved Hannah, but he could not fix the ache in her heart. Even sincere love from people cannot heal what only God can hold and redeem.
4. The heart of a mother often carries hidden pain - but none of it is hidden from God. Hannah's tears were seen by the Lord before her prayer was answered.

God sees the tears no one else can explain and the burdens no one else can fix.

2. Hannah's Prayer - 1 Samuel 1:9-20

1. Hannah does not turn her pain into bitterness. She turns her pain into prayer. In deep anguish, crying bitterly, she pours out her soul to the Lord.
2. She asks God for the thing her heart longs for most. Then she says, "If You give him to me, I will give him back to You." That is the heart of a godly mother.
3. A godly mother does not see her child as personal property. She sees her child as a gift from God - entrusted to her by God - to be loved, nurtured, trained, prayed over, and released into the will of God.
4. When Samuel is born, his name becomes Hannah's testimony: I asked the Lord for him; the Lord gave him to me; now I give him back to the Lord.

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Pain Seen by God	Prayer Poured Out	Love Poured In	Release Back to God
God sees what others miss.	Hannah brings the ache to the Lord.	She pours into Samuel as worship.	She trusts God with what she loves most.

3. Hannah's Love Poured In and Released Back to God - 1 Samuel 1:21-28

1. After Samuel was born, Hannah began doing what mothers do: she poured her life into him. She would nourish, hold, teach, pray, prepare, and love Samuel as her worship to the Lord.
2. Hannah poured into Samuel knowing she would one day release him. She was not pouring into him to keep him for herself; she was pouring into him so he could belong fully to the Lord.
3. When the time came, Hannah brought Samuel to Shiloh and gave him to the Lord. Not because her heart felt no pain, but because she genuinely trusted God.
4. Every mother must learn: you carry them, feed them, teach them, correct them, pray for them, and protect them - but you cannot be God for them. Faith says, "Lord, this is Your child. They belong to You."

4. Hannah's Worship Reminds Us that God Sees Hidden Sacrifice - 1 Samuel 2:11-21

1. After Hannah gave Samuel to the Lord, the Bible says, "they worshiped the Lord there." For Hannah, it was worship through tears - tears of joy that she had poured into her son, and tears of pain as she released him to God's will.
2. Each year Hannah made Samuel a small coat and brought it to him. A mother's love does not stop when she releases. She never stops sacrificing for and caring for her children.
3. God blessed Hannah, and Samuel grew up in the presence of the Lord. Samuel became one of Israel's greatest prophets, yet Hannah received very little earthly credit.
4. Selfless sacrifice, trust and praise to God, and very little credit are deeply Christ-like traits. The world may miss the hidden sacrifice, but God sees it all.

Big Truth: God sees the hidden sacrifice of a mother's heart, and His plan, when we finally see it from His perspective, will be good.

Response

Moms, God knows all you have been through and all you are going through now. His smile and His approval are your greatest reward. Families, honor the mothers and mothering women God has placed in your life - not only with words, but with gratitude, help, prayer, and love that notices.

Lord, help us receive what You give, pour out in love, release back to You what we cannot control, and worship You through the tears.

That is the heart of a mother.