

### III. WHAT A THEOLOGICAL WOMAN LOOKS LIKE: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

**INTRODUCTION:** Can you imagine being in the situation which we find Hannah in chapter 1 of 1 Samuel? She is barren. She has a rival wife. She is grievously provoked in her suffering. She knows the LORD himself is sovereign over the womb and had closed hers. Put yourself in her shoes and think, "What would I feel? Do? Say?"

Now remember how Hannah responded. She was faithful to the LORD. **Q.** How was she able to be a gracious woman in the midst of that? How was she able then to be a gracious mother after being given a son, Samuel? **ANSWER.** *She was a theological woman who knew the LORD.* **The prayer of Hannah in 1 Samuel 2 contains better theology than most pulpits in America.**

**CONTEXT:** Look at **verse 12.** Directly following this passage with Hannah's prayer, we are introduced to Eli's sons. "**Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know the Lord.**" We are meant to contrast their unfaithfulness with Hannah's faithfulness, and I say you should make note of the source of their unfaithfulness: "**They did not know the LORD.**"

**Why is Hannah faithful?** Because she knew the LORD. *She is a theological woman* who not only knows *about* the LORD but *knows* Him personally and experientially. Now you cannot know the LORD without knowing about the LORD, but knowing about the LORD is meant to lead you and I to know Him personally, delight in Him, and glorify Him!

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**CLARIFICATION:** *Now, you need to know EVERYONE IS A THEOLOGIAN. Every does Theology (words or thoughts about God). You just may not be a very good one.*

#### A WORD TO ALL

**Women,** you need to be a theological woman.

**Girls and young women,** you need to grow to be a theological woman.

**Boys, young men, and unmarried men,** you need to be on the lookout for a theological woman.

**Men,** you need to help your wife be a theological woman. What father she must have had. What a husband El must have been!

- **We need women like Hannah who know their Lord;** who can suffer faithfully under God's mysterious providence; who will raise and offer their children to the Lord in faith. We need women who love to praise the

Lord in prayer and song. In short, we need theological women like Hannah; women who know the Lord.

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## **I. A THEOLOGICAL WOMAN KNOWS THE LORD, THEREFORE *SHE REJOICES IN HIM* (1 Samuel 2:1a)**

### **1 Samuel 2:1a**

"And Hannah prayed and said,  
'My heart exults in the LORD;  
my horn is exalted in the LORD.'"

- **Think, believer, of all the reasons you have to rejoice in the LORD.**

You have been given to Christ before the foundation of the world in election; you have been given a flawless Bible which makes God's will known to us;

You have been given a perfect Christ; a tender Christ to cherish you; a strong Christ to defend you; a suffering Christ to cleanse you; a raised Christ to resurrect; an interceding Christ to plead for you; a ruling Christ to lead you; a returning Christ to perfect you;

You have been given a comforter in the Holy Spirit; a sealing Holy Spirit; an empowering Holy Spirit; a fruit-producing Holy Spirit; a sustaining Holy Spirit;

You have been given a perfect righteousness; forgiveness of sins; precious promises; a perfect Law; a future and a hope;

You have been given a fellowship of believers; saints who love you; pastors who care for you;

And you have been given the most precious promise of all: "I will come again and take you to be with me, so that where I am you may be also" (John 14).

***If you and I would think, saints, we would have great reasons to rejoice in the Lord!***

- **NOW look at Hannah again and test yourself by what we learn from her. Are you like Hannah or are you like the nine lepers who did not thank Christ?**
  - **Luke 17:17** "Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?'"

## **II. A THEOLOGICAL WOMAN KNOWS THE LORD, THEREFORE *SHE CAN LAUGH IN THE FACE OF HER ENEMIES* (1 Samuel 2:1b)**

### **1 Samuel 2:1b**

"My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation."

- EXHORTATION.
- **Women, you have permission to trust the Lord's promises and laugh in the faces of your enemies. You must not be fleshly-proud about it, but you must boast in the Lord!**
  - **Jeremiah 9:23-24** "23 Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, 24 but let him who boasts boast in this, *that he understands and knows me*, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

### III. A THEOLOGICAL WOMAN KNOWS THE THRICE HOLY LORD AND SHE RESTS IN HIM AS HER ROCK (1 Samuel 2:2)

#### 1 Samuel 2:2

"There is none holy like the LORD:  
for there is none besides you;  
there is no rock like our God."

- **LEARN HERE FROM HANNAH THAT GOD IS HOLY!**
- **1 John 1:5** "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."
  - **JOHN MACARTHUR:** "God's holiness is His inherent and absolute greatness, in which He is perfectly distinct above everything outside Himself and is absolutely morally separate from sin."
  - **LEIGH:** "Holiness is the beauty of all God's attributes, without which his wisdom would be but subtlety, his justice cruelty, his Sovereignty tyranny, his mercy foolish pity."
  - **BOYS AND GIRLS:** God is holy.
- **This is what the Hebrew and Greek words for "Holy" mean—altogether separate.**
- **Isaiah 6:3** "And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!'"
- **Revelation 4:8** "Day and night [the angels] never cease to say, 'Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!'"
  - **R.C. SPROUL:** "Only once in sacred Scripture is an attribute of God elevated to the third degree. Only once is a characteristic of God mentioned three times in succession. The Bible says that God is holy, holy, holy. Not that He is merely holy, or even holy, holy. He is holy, holy, holy. The Bible never says that God is love, love, love; or mercy, mercy, mercy; or wrath, wrath, wrath; or justice, justice, justice. It

does say that he is holy, holy, holy, that the whole earth is full of His glory."

**In A Body of Divinity, Thomas Watson, points out four specifics concerning God's holiness: "God is INTRINSICALLY holy... his very being is made up of holiness, as light is of the essence of the sun.... II. God is PRIMARILY holy. He is the original and pattern of holiness. Holiness began with him who is the Ancient of Days. III. God is EFFICIENTLY holy. He is the cause of all that is holiness in others. . . All the holiness we have, is but a crystal stream from this fountain. . . IV. God is TRANSCENDENTLY holy. . . No angel in heaven can measure the dimensions of God's holiness. The highest seraphim is too low of stature to measure these pyramids."**

- **GOD THE FATHER IS HOLY! Jesus, in John 17:11 "Holy Father."**
- **GOD THE SPIRIT IS HOLY! Again, Jesus ,in John 14:26 calls the Spirit "The Holy Spirit."**
- **GOD THE SON IS HOLY! Paul, in Acts 13:35 (quoting Psalm 16:10) "You will not let your Holy One see corruption."**
- **THOMAS BROOKS: "Holiness in angels and saints is but a quality, but in God it is His essence."**

#### **II) God's Works are Holy**

- **Exodus 15:11 "Who is like [the LORD], majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"**
- **Psalm 145:17 "The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works."**

#### **III) God's written Word is Holy**

- **Romans 1:2 "[Christ was] promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,"**

#### **IV) God's Commands are Holy**

- **Romans 7:12 "So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good."**

#### **V) God's Promises are Holy**

- **Psalm 105:42 "For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant."**

#### **VI) God's Covenant is Holy**

- **John the Baptists father Zechariah calls God's covenant, "his holy covenant" in Luke 1:72.**

## **IV. A THEOLOGICAL WOMAN KNOWS HER LORD IS ALL-KNOWING, AND SHE HUMBLER HERSELF UNDER HIS JUDGEMENTS (1 Samuel 2:3)**

### **1 Samuel 2:3**

"Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;

for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by his actions are weighed."

## **V. A THEOLOGICAL WOMAN KNOWS HER LORD OPPOSES THE PROUD BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE** (1 Samuel 2:4-5)

### **1 Samuel 2:4-5**

"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."

## **VI. A THEOLOGICAL WOMAN KNOWS HER LORD IS SOVEREIGN OVER DEATH AND LIFE** (1 Samuel 2:6)

### **1 Samuel 2:6**

"The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up."

## **VII. A THEOLOGICAL WOMAN KNOWS HER LORD IS SOVEREIGN OVER THE STATIONS OF MEN** (1 Samuel 2:7-8a)

### **1 Samuel 2:7-8a**

"7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.

8a 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."

## **VIII. A THEOLOGICAL WOMAN KNOWS HER LORD IS PROVIDENTIALLY WORKING IN ALL THINGS FOR HIS GLORY** (1 Samuel 2:8b)

### **1 Samuel 2:8b**

"For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
and on them he has set the world."

- INSTRUCTION.
- **Proverbs 31:25** "Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come."

## **IX. A THEOLOGICAL WOMAN KNOWS HER LORD WILL PRESERVE HIS SAINTS (1 Samuel 2:9a)**

### **1 Samuel 2:9a**

"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
– COMFORT.

## **X. A THEOLOGICAL WOMAN KNOWS HER LORD WILL CUT OFF THE WICKED, BREAKING IN PIECES HIS ADVERSARIES (1 Samuel 2:9b-10a)**

### **1 Samuel 2:9b-10a**

**9b** "but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,  
for not by might shall a man prevail.

**10a** The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces;  
against them he will thunder in heaven."

– WARNING.

### ***Oh see why you and I need a bleeding Savior!***

- **BOYS AND GIRLS:** We deserve to be cut off from God and broken in pieces because of our sin! But Jesus Christ, who is God, came to the earth as a man to live without sin for our righteousness; He came to die on the cross for our sin—He was cut off on the cross, He was broken in pieces on the cross for sinners like you and me; He came to arise from the dead and break the power of death. He did all of this to save His people from their sins and make them happy with Him forever.

How do I know if I am one of Jesus' people? How do I know if Jesus came to save me? **ANSWER.** Your turn from your sin to Jesus. You trust him as Savior and submit to Him as King, and then you are baptized!

***ALL OF YOU:*** Christ was cut off in darkness and broken to pieces for sinners, so that we who believe would be safe in the light of the LORD's face!

## **XI. A THEOLOGICAL WOMAN KNOWS HER LORD WILL ESTABLISH JUSTICE IN THE EARTH THROUGH HIS STRONG AND ANOINTED KING (1 Samuel 2:10b)**

### **1 Samuel 2:10b**

"The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king

and exalt the horn of his anointed." *\*First time in the Scriptures the word Messiah is mentioned in relation to the King who will come to make everything right!*

– COMFORT.

## CONCLUSION

**Press on to know the LORD!** Know the Lord through reading, hearing, and understanding the Scriptures; through prayer; through meditation on the Word; through memorizing the Word; through obeying the Word; through proclaiming the Word to others!

**Press on to know the Word and you will be a theological person, stable and steadfast.**

**1** Blessed is the man

    who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
    nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**2** but his delight is in the law [b] of the Lord,  
    and on his law he meditates day and night.

**3** He is like a tree

    planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
    and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

**4** The wicked are not so,

    but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**5** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
    nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**6** for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
    but the way of the wicked will perish.