

KNOWING JESUS

“My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn^[a] is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance.

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- ¹⁵ “Not so, my lord,” Hannah replied, “I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. ¹⁶ Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.”

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- 17 Eli answered, “Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.”
 - 18 She said, “May your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

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- ¹⁹ Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰ So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, ^[b] saying, “Because I asked the LORD for him.”

THE STRENGTH OF HANNANH

- Elkanah was from Ephraimite with two wives, Hannah and Peninnah.
- Peninnah had children but Hannah had none.
- The good things in this family, each year they went up from their City to worship and sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh.
- But Hannah's rival provoked her bitterly, to irritate and embarrass her, because the Lord had left her childless.

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- So it happened year after year, whenever she went up to the house of the Lord. Peninnah provoked her; so she wept and would not eat. To the point that even the husband Elkanah could not comfort her. “” Elkanah would ask. “Why aren’t you eating? Why be downhearted just because you have no children? You have me—isn’t that better than having ten sons?”

THE STRENGTH OF HANNAH

- WHERE DID SHE GET HER STRENGTH TO OVERCOME HER PROBLEMS AND DISCOURAGEMENT IN HER LIFE?
- 1. HANNAH WENT TO THE TEMPLE TO PRAY.
- ⁹ Once after a sacrificial meal at Shiloh, Hannah got up and went to pray. Eli the priest was sitting at his customary place beside the entrance of the Tabernacle.

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- 2. HANNAH'S PRAYER WAS SPECIFIC WITH A VOW.
- ¹⁰ Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the LORD. ¹¹ And she made this vow: "O LORD of Heaven's Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to you. He will be yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the LORD, his hair will never be cut."

THE STRENGTH OF HANNAH

- 3. WRONG JUDGEMENT BY THE PRIEST.
- ¹² As she was praying to the LORD, Eli watched her. ¹³ Seeing her lips moving but hearing no sound, he thought she had been drinking. ¹⁴ “Must you come here drunk?” he demanded. “Throw away your wine!”

THE STRENGTH OF HANNAH

- 4. HANNAH'S DEFENCE. V15-16
- ¹⁵ “Oh no, sir!” she replied. “I haven't been drinking wine or anything stronger. But I am very discouraged, and I was pouring out my heart to the LORD. ¹⁶ Don't think I am a wicked woman! For I have been praying out of great anguish and sorrow.”

THE STRENGTH OF HANNAH

- 5. ELI'S BLESSING.
- 17 "In that case," Eli said, "go in peace! May the God of Israel grant the request you have asked of him."

THE STRENGTH OF HANNAH

- 6. HANNAH'S FREEDOM FROM THE BONDAGE OF THE ENEMY.
- 18 "Oh, thank you, sir!" she exclaimed. Then she went back and began to eat again, and she was no longer sad.

THE STRENGTH OF HANNAH

- 7. THE LORD REMEMBERED HER PLEA. V.19-20
- ¹⁹ The entire family got up early the next morning and went to worship the LORD once more. Then they returned home to Ramah. When Elkanah slept with Hannah, the LORD **remembered** her plea, ²⁰ and in due time she gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel,^[f] for she said, “I asked the LORD for him.”

THE STRENGTH OF HANNAH

- 8. HANNAH DEDICATED HER SON TO THE LORD. V27-28
- ²⁷ I asked the LORD to give me this boy, and he has granted my request. ²⁸ Now I am giving him to the LORD, and he will belong to the LORD his whole life. And they^[k] worshiped the LORD there.

CONCLUSION

- HANNAH'S PRAYER OF PRAISE AND VICTORY. 2;1-10
- Then Hannah prayed: "My heart rejoices in the LORD! The LORD has made me strong.^[a] Now I have an answer for my enemies; I rejoice because you rescued me. ² No one is holy like the LORD! There is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

CONCLUSION

- ³ “Stop acting so proud and haughty! Don’t speak with such arrogance!

For the LORD is a God who knows what you have done; he will judge your actions. ⁴ The bow of the mighty is now broken, and those who stumbled are now strong.

CONCLUSION

- ⁵ Those who were well fed are now starving, and those who were starving are now full. The childless woman now has seven children, and the woman with many children wastes away.
⁶ The LORD gives both death and life; he brings some down to the grave^[b] but raises others up.

CONCLUSION

- ⁷ The LORD makes some poor and others rich; he brings some down and lifts others up. ⁸ He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump. He sets them among princes, placing them in seats of honor. For all the earth is the LORD's, and he has set the world in order.
- ⁹ "He will protect his faithful ones, but the wicked will disappear in darkness. No one will succeed by strength alone.

COCLUSION

- 10 Those who fight against the LORD will be shattered.
He thunders against them from heaven;
the LORD judges throughout the earth.
He gives power to his king;
he increases the strength^[c] of his anointed one.”

CONCLUSION

- WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF YOUR STRENGTH TODAY?