

# **A WOMAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART**

## ***Hannah – Great Faith During Despair***

**1 Samuel 1:1-20**

**Sunday, May 13, 2018**

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### **ONE WOMAN'S STORY**

*Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life. (Proverbs 13:12)*

# HANNAH'S LESSONS ON PRAYER

## **#1 God uses unfulfilled desire to drive us to pray.**

*No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the lord. (v. 15)*

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:6-7)*

## **#2 God uses unfulfilled desire to deepen our faith.**

*Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad. (v. 18)*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)*

### **#3 God uses unfulfilled desire to reveal His will.**

*And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the Lord."*  
(v. 20)

*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways!* (Romans 11:33)

### **#4 God uses unfulfilled desire to turn our affections to Him.**

*And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord."* (1 Samuel 2:1)

*Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.* (Psalm 37:3-4)

**NEXT WEEK: BATTLE READY – The Shield of Faith**  
(Ephesians 6:16)

**TRAIN MEMORY VERSE – MAY**

*“O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.  
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not  
be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a  
broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not  
despise.” (Psalm 51:15-17)*

**TRAIN READING PLAN – May 13-19**

- Psalm 49; Acts 3
- Acts 4
- Psalm 50; Acts 5
- Psalm 51; Acts 6
- Acts 7

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