

Samuel (Rise of the King) - Lesson 3

The Prayer that Explains the Kingdom (1 Samuel 1:21-2:11)

I. Review – Hannah's Prayer Answered (1 Samuel 1:19–20)

- God remembered Hannah and answered her prayer.
- Samuel's name means "heard by God."
- The birth of Samuel marks the beginning of God raising up a new spiritual leader for Israel.

II. Samuel is Weaned (1 Samuel 1:21–23)

- In the ancient world, children were often (1) _____ before being dedicated to long-term service.
- Weaning likely occurred around age two or three.
- Elkanah supported Hannah's vow and (2) _____ with her decision to wait before bringing Samuel to Shiloh.
- Elkanah continued making the yearly pilgrimage to worship and offer the annual (3) _____.

III. Hannah Fulfills Her Promise (1 Samuel 1:24–28)

- After Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him to the tabernacle at Shiloh.
- Hannah brought offerings to accompany the dedication.
- She presented Samuel before the priest (4) _____.
- Samuel was dedicated to lifelong service to (5) _____.
- Hannah publicly acknowledged that Samuel was a gift from the Lord.

IV. Hannah's Prayer of Praise (1 Samuel 2:1–2)

- Hannah begins her prayer by praising the character of God.
- She rejoices because the Lord is completely (6) _____.
- God alone is holy and worthy of worship.

V. A Song of Triumph (1 Samuel 2:1)

- Hannah declares that her heart rejoices in the Lord.
- Her prayer celebrates God's (7) _____ over her enemies and circumstances.

VI. The Direction of the Book

- Hannah's prayer points forward to the rise of Israel's king.
- The book of Samuel ultimately leads to the reign of (8) _____.
- This prayer introduces many of the themes that unfold in the rest of the book.

VII. The Horn of Salvation (1 Samuel 2:1)

- The horn was a symbol of power and authority in the ancient world.
- Hannah declares that God has lifted up her horn, meaning He has restored her honor and (9) _____.

VIII. God Reverses Circumstances (1 Samuel 2:4–5)

- Hannah had once suffered deeply because of her inability to have children.
- God changed her situation and ended her (10) _____ struggle.
- Her experience demonstrates that God can completely reverse human circumstances.

IX. God Our Rock (1 Samuel 2:2)

- Hannah declares that there is no rock like our God.
- The rock symbolizes protection, stability, and (11) _____.
- God alone provides ultimate security for His people.

X. Warning Against Pride (1 Samuel 2:3)

- Hannah warns against arrogance and pride.
- Do not (12) _____ in human strength or achievements.
- God knows the heart and weighs every action.

XI. God's Great Reversals (1 Samuel 2:5)

- Hannah describes several reversals that demonstrate God's power.
- The barren woman gives birth to (13) _____ children.
- The number seven often symbolizes completeness or (14) _____ in Scripture.

XII. God's Sovereign Rule (1 Samuel 2:6–7)

- Hannah acknowledges God's authority over life and death.
- God brings low and raises up.
- He acts according to His own (15) _____.

XIII. Creator of the World (1 Samuel 2:8)

- The foundations of the earth belong to the Lord.
- God rules over all (16) _____.
- Everything exists under His authority.

XIV. The Faithful and the Wicked (1 Samuel 2:9)

- God protects the steps of His people.
- The (17) _____ will be silenced in darkness.
- Human strength cannot ultimately prevail against God.

XV. The Final Lesson

- Hannah reminds us that victory does not come through (18) _____ strength.
- True power and deliverance come from the Lord alone.

XVI. Samuel Begins His Service (1 Samuel 2:11)

- Samuel remained at Shiloh.
- He began serving the Lord at the tabernacle.
- God was preparing Samuel to lead Israel during a critical time.

Answer Key

- 1 WEANED
- 2 AGREED
- 3 SACRIFICE
- 4 ELI
- 5 GOD'S
- 6 FAITHFUL
- 7 VICTORY
- 8 DAVID
- 9 STRENGTH
- 10 PREGNANCY
- 11 REFUGE
- 12 BOAST
- 13 SEVEN
- 14 MANY
- 15 PLEASURE
- 16 CREATION
- 17 WICKED
- 18 PHYSICAL