



YOUR BARREN SEASON IS ALMOST OVER

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THIS WAS NOT SATAN BUT GOD AT WORK

1 Samuel 1:2-20,24-28 NLT

2 Elkanah had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah did not.

3 Each year Elkanah would travel to Shiloh to worship and sacrifice to the LORD of Heaven's Armies at the Tabernacle. The priests of the LORD at that time were the two sons of Eli-Hophni and Phinehas.

4 On the days Elkanah presented his sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to Peninnah and each of her children.

5 And though he loved Hannah, he would give her only one choice portion BECAUSE THE LORD HAD GIVEN HER NO CHILDREN.

6 So Peninnah would taunt Hannah and make fun of her BECAUSE THE LORD HAD KEPT HER FROM HAVING CHILDREN.

7 Year after year it was the same-Peninnah would taunt Hannah as they went to the Tabernacle. Each time, Hannah would be reduced to tears and would not even eat.

8 "Why are you crying, Hannah?" 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?"

PRAY THROUGH

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.

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."

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!"

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."

PRAYER ANSWERED

17 "In that case," Eli said, "GO IN PEACE! MAY THE GOD OF ISRAEL GRANT THE REQUEST YOU HAVE ASKED OF HIM."

18 "Oh, thank you, sir!" she exclaimed. THEN SHE WENT BACK AND BEGAN TO EAT AGAIN, AND SHE WAS NO LONGER SAD.

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, FOR SHE SAID, "I ASKED THE LORD FOR HIM."

24 When the child was weaned, Hannah took him to the Tabernacle in Shiloh. They brought along a three-year-old bull for the sacrifice and a basket of flour and some wine.

25 After sacrificing the bull, they brought the boy to Eli.

26 "Sir, do you remember me?" Hannah asked. "I am the very woman who stood here several years ago praying to the LORD."

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 worshiped the LORD there.

HANNAH'S PRAYER OF VICTORY

1 Samuel 2:1-10 KJVS

1 And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the Lord, mine horn is exalted in the Lord: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.

2 There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

4 THE BOWS OF THE MIGHTY MEN ARE BROKEN, AND THEY THAT STUMBLERD ARE GIRDED WITH STRENGTH.

5 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble.

6 The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

7 The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

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8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them.

9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; **FOR BY STRENGTH SHALL NO MAN PREVAIL.**

10 The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.