

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Hannah's Prayer of Praise

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July 24, 2022



1) Pray with PERSISTENCE.

1 Samuel 1:3 (NLT) “**Each year** Elkanah would travel to Shiloh to worship and sacrifice to the LORD of Heaven’s Armies at the Tabernacle.”

1 Samuel 1:7 (NLT) “**Year after year...**”

1 Samuel 1:10 (NLT) “Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as **she prayed** to the 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.”

2) PARTICIPATE even when it’s hard.

1 Samuel 1:15-16 (NLT) “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. Don’t think I am a wicked woman! For I have been praying out of great anguish and sorrow.”

Psalms 62:8 (NLT) “Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.”

Hebrews 11:1 (NLT) “Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.”

2 Peter 3:13 (NLT) “But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God’s righteousness.”

3) Respond with PRAISE and THANKSGIVING.

1 Samuel 2:1 (NLT) “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.”

4) PROCLAIM who God is.

1 Samuel 2:2 (NLT) “No one is holy like the Lord! There is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.”

Hebrews 13:8 (NLT) “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

5) Trust God’s PERFECT PURPOSES and DIVINE JUSTICE.

1 Samuel 2:3-8 (NLT) “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. ⁴The bow of the mighty is now broken, and those who stumbled are now strong. ⁵Those 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. ⁶The Lord gives both death and life; he brings some down to the grave^l but raises others up. ⁷The Lord makes some poor and others rich; he brings some down and lifts others up. ⁸He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump. He sets them among princes, placing them in seats of honour. For all the earth is the Lord’s, and he has set the world in order.

6) PURSUE the true King.

1 Samuel 2:9-10 (NLT) “He will protect his faithful ones, but the wicked will disappear I in darkness. No one will succeed by strength alone. ¹⁰Those 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 of his anointed one.”

BIG IDEA: PURSUE the **GIVER** not the **GIFT** to experience real life.

“The answers to your questions are not found in WHAT you are believing for, they’re found in WHOM you are believing in...” Pastor Michael Todd



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#3 of 10 - July 24, 2022

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- 3) Read 1 Samuel 2:1-10. What is the **CONTEXT** for this passage? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer/speaker and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
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- 5) **MEANING:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? How does Hannah demonstrate her trust in the Lord? In what ways do you observe transformation in Hannah's life? How does this passage point us to the true and better King?
- 6) How does 2 Peter 3:13 help us participate when it's hard? What hope does this verse give us?
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