

I. Longed For By His Mother (10-19)

- A. Her desire was expressed in intense prayer (10) - “She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly.”
- B. Her sincerity was demonstrated in a specific vow (11) - “O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head.”
- C. Her humility was displayed in vulnerable transparency (12-16) - “I am a woman troubled in spirit...I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord...I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation.”
- D. Her longing was satisfied by her flourishing faith (17-19) - Then Eli answered, “Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him.” 18 And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad. 19 They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her.” **She was satisfied that God had heard and answered before He made it a visible reality.**

II. Loved By His Mother (20-23)

- A. She regarded Samuel as a gift from God (20) - “And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, “I have asked for him from the Lord.” **Samuel - signifies “heard of God”**
- B. She made Samuel her priority (21-22a) - “The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up...”

Hannah stayed at home to care for Samuel instead of making the pilgrimage to Shiloh for the 3 feasts each year.

- C. She desired Samuel to serve the Lord (22b-23a) - “...she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there forever. Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish His word.”

Parents should never feel the need to “protect” their children from God or His call to serve!

- D. She nourished him while she could (23b) - “So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him.” **Breast feeding pictures the intimate nourishment of the child during a God appointed time**

III. Loosed By His Mother (24-28)

- A. She recognized when her time with Samuel was complete (24-25) - “And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young.” **Sacrifice & Surrender**
- B. She gave God the glory for her child (26-27) - “I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. 27 For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to Him...”
- D. She gave God her child for His glory (28) - “...As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord...”

Samuel was Hannah’s gift back to God, as he was God’s gift to Hannah!