



The Life of  
*David*

*1 and 2 Samuel*

# 1 Samuel 2

**<sup>1</sup> And Hannah prayed and said,**

**“My heart exults in the Lord;**

**my horn is exalted in the Lord.**

**My mouth derides my enemies,**

**because I rejoice in your salvation.**

**<sup>2</sup> “There is none holy like the Lord:**

**for there is none besides you;**

**there is no rock like our God.**

**<sup>3</sup> Talk no more so very proudly,**

**let not arrogance come from your mouth;**

**for the Lord is a God of knowledge,**

**and by him actions are weighed.**

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**<sup>4</sup> The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble bind on strength.**

**<sup>5</sup> Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.**

**The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.**

**<sup>6</sup> The Lord kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.**

**<sup>7</sup> The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.**

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**<sup>8</sup> He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.**

**For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,  
and on them he has set the world.**

**<sup>9</sup> “He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,  
for not by might shall a man prevail.**

**<sup>10</sup> The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces;  
against them he will thunder in heaven.**

**The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king  
and exalt the horn of his anointed.”**

# Hannah's Prayer

## **God's Kingdom Often Reverses Human Fortune**

*The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength (2:4)*

## **God is Sovereign Over Life and Death**

*The Lord kills and brings life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up (2:6)*

## **God humbles the Proud and Exalts the Lowly**

*He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap (2:8)*

## **God Will Judge The Earth Through A King**

*The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed (2:10)*



# Covenant

- *An agreement between God and his people*
- *Hesed*
- *Agape*

# Kinds of Covenant

- **Progressive Revelation:** The covenants build upon one another, narrowing from humanity (Noah) to a family (Abraham) to a nation (Moses) to a dynasty (David).
- **Structure and Fulfillment:** They serve as the legal framework for God's relationship with people, culminating in Jesus Christ, who acts as the mediator and ultimate "yes" to these promises.
- **Conditional vs. Unconditional:** While some (Abrahamic, Davidic) are unconditional promises of grace, others (Mosaic) depend on the obedience of the people.

# Major Covenants of the Old Testament

- **Noahic Covenant (Gen 9):** Unconditional covenant with all creation, promising never again to destroy the earth with a flood, marked by the rainbow.
- **Abrahamic Covenant (Gen 12, 15, 17):** Unconditional covenant granting Abraham land (Canaan), a large family, and the promise that through his lineage, all nations would be blessed.

# Major Covenants of the Old Testament

- **Mosaic Covenant (Exod 19-24):** Conditional covenant with Israel, utilizing the law (including the Ten Commandments) to set them apart as a "kingdom of priests". Blessings were dependent on obedience.
- **Davidic Covenant (2 Sam 7):** Unconditional covenant promising that a descendant of David would reign on the throne forever, setting the stage for the Messiah

# The New Covenant

- **New Covenant (Jer 31, Ezekiel 36):** Promised by prophets, it foretold a future, internal transformation where God would write the law on hearts and forgive sins, fulfilling the shortcomings of the Mosaic
- Is the New Covenant unconditional or conditional?
- Why is Covenant so important to the believer?



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