

For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

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### There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite.

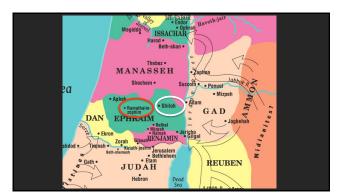
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# 2 He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

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3 Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord.

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4 On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. 5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb.

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6 And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. 7 So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat.

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### **Observations**

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- 2. Hannah means favor or grace
- 3. Eli, Hophni, Phineas are corrupt
- 4. Time of great transition
- 5. The Lord closed her womb
- 6. Her faith mocked by the adversary

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8 And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

### 9 After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord.

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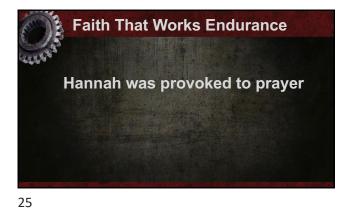
10 She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly.
11 And she vowed a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant

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### Lord of Hosts Lord of Heaven's Armies or LORD of the Mighty Armies. Hannah felt attacked by her rival, so she called on the LORD of Heaven's Armies to be

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her protector.



Luke 18

1 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man.

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Luke 18

3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' 4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man,

### Luke 18 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her just

bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming." 6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.

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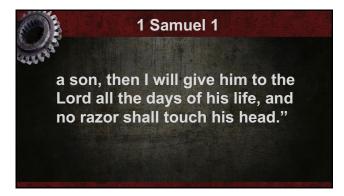
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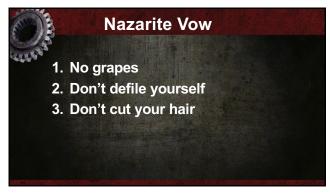
7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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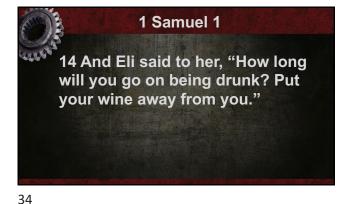
### **Prayer For Justice**

Lord of Hosts, I ask you to protect me from those who provoke and attack me. I ask you to give me justice from my adversary. Rescue me and show me your salvation. In Jesus' name, Amen.





# 1 Samuel 1 12 As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. 13 Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman.



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15 But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord.

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16 Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation." 17 Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him."

