

## 1 Samuel Lesson 3 Hannah and the Birth of Samuel Part 2

### **Background:**

#### **Key Themes in 1 Samuel :**

- The connection between our obedience and our relationship to God
- God opposes the proud and exalts the humble
- Despite human evil, God is working out His purposes in history
- Kingship in Israel and God's plan to one day raise up an anointed divine king

**Vows:** Vows are voluntary conditional agreements that were common in most of the cultures of the ancient Near East. The most common occasion for a vow was when a request was being made to a deity. The request was for some provision from the deity while that which was vowed was usually a gift to the deity. Fulfillment of the vow was usually accomplished at the sanctuary and was a public act.

**Weaning age:** The weaning of a child in Bible times generally took place between the ages of two and three.

**Horn:** This word is often used in the Bible as a metaphor of power and strength. The phrase "my horn is exalted in the Lord" in 2:1 is another way of saying that "the Lord has strengthened me".

#### **Key Words:**

**worship:** Strong's H7812 "shachah" To prostrate oneself especially reflexively in homage to God.

**vow :** Strong's H5088 "neder" a promise (to God); also a thing promised

**exalt:** Strong's H7311 "rum" to raise, bring up, exalt

#### **Read 1 Samuel Chapter 1: 19-28, Chapter 2: 1-11**

1. According to 1 Samuel 1:19-20 how did God answer Hannah's prayer?
2. What did Hannah state was her intention to do with the child that God had given her? (1:22)  
How did Elkanah encourage her to follow through with this plan? (1:23)
3. Looking back to her prayer in 1:11 did she perform what she had vowed to the Lord? (1:24-28)

**Application:** What can you learn from Hannah in regards to her perspective on children? How can this make a difference in the way you regard your own children or grandchildren?

### **Hannah's Prayer of Thanksgiving 1 Samuel 2:1-11**

4. In her prayer, What does Hannah rejoice over and for what attributes does she praise God? (2:1-3)

5. How does she say God deals with those who are poor and needy in contrast with the proud and mighty? (2:3-10)

6. What can you find in Hannah's prayer that reflects the main themes of 1 Samuel ?

**Application:** When faced with suffering what are some lessons you can learn from Hannah and apply to your own life? (See Psalm 55:22, and James 5:13)

Discussions go better when.....

1. Each person respects the value of other's insights.
2. Everyone has a chance to speak.
3. Discussion is focused on the passage being studied.
4. Everyone shares freely, but refrains from giving advice.
5. Everyone keeps personal sharing confidential.

