

Giving Back to God!

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1 Samuel 1:19-28

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Hannah prayed: 9-18

- Hannah prayed knowing who God is...
- Hannah prayed knowing who she was...
- Hannah prayed knowing what she wanted...
- Hannah prayed with confidence in her motives...
- Hannah prayed fervently and with trust...
- Hannah prayed with confidence in her God...
- After praying she went in peace and faith!

Hannah trusted God's Anointed One - Eli:

- not because Eli was faithful, but God's representative
- We now have Christ - God's anointed One! Listen to Him:
 - don't be anxious^{Mt6:25,32-33}
 - run to the Lord, take His rest^{Mt11:28}
 - rest in the Lord's peace^{Jn14:27}
 - be content knowing the Lord has you^{Heb13:5-6}
- Prayer changes us^{Heb11:1;1Pt5:7}
- Prayer changes things - God uses our prayers

God works through His people¹⁹

- they worshiped
- they acted in faith and resumed life in obedience
- Hannah didn't 'check out' or 'quit life'

The Lord Remember Her

- God doesn't forget – technical term for covenant progress
- Noah^{Gen8:1}; Abraham^{Gen19:29}; Israel^{Ex2:24} -
- God is keeping His covenant promise through His people

But I Prayed and Didn't Get an Answer

- Sometimes it seems God doesn't answer us...
- Prayers offered in wrong spirit^{James4:2-3}
- Answering our way would be harmful - God is Good
- Prayers are delayed to teach us^{2Cor5:7}

God Heard-Remembered Hannah

- Hannah sought God's will, God unfolded His blessings
- Be the person who seeks God's will first in your life!

Hannah Delays 21-23

- Will she fulfill her vow? Will she seek to change the terms?
- Practical issue of weaning a child in that time
- Elkanah looks to the covenant keeping God^{Josh23:14}
- Let us lead our families to seek God's purposes in life

Hannah Fulfills Her Vow 24-28

- She takes Samuel with 3 bulls! Extravagant worship!
- She gives back what God has given to her²⁷⁻²⁸
- None of us can give what God hasn't already given to us!

Samuel Worshiped the Lord There

- The goal - son worshiping the Lord
- Romans 12:1-2 - we are to be living sacrifices
- You've been redeemed by Jesus, respond to God's grace by offering your life to Him every day!