

I Samuel 1:27 “I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him.”

I Samuel 1:28 “So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD.” And he worshiped the LORD there.”

C. God decided to give Hannah more children.

I Samuel 2:21 “And the LORD was gracious to Hannah; she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD.”

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. We should bring every problem and need to God in prayer.

Philippians 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

B. We should believe God will provide according to His will.

I John 5:14 “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”

Philippians 4:7 “And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

C. We need to be thankful and praise the Lord.

I Samuel 2:1 “Then Hannah prayed and said: “My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance.”

I Samuel 2:2 “There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.”

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I Samuel 1:1 “There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah, son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.”

I. Hannah had family problems.

A. There was tension in Hannah’s home.

I Samuel 1:2a “He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah”

B. There was the trauma of being childless.

I Samuel 1:2b “... Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.”

C. There was special treatment in the home.

I Samuel 1:3 “Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the Lord Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the Lord.

I Samuel 1:4 “Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters.”

I Samuel 1:5 “But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her and the Lord had closed her womb.”

D. There was taunting from Hannah’s rival.

I Samuel 1:6 “And because the Lord had closed her womb her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her.”

I Samuel 1:6 (Amplified) Hannah’s rival provoked her bitterly, to irritate and embarrass her, because the LORD had left her childless.”

I Samuel 1:6 (NCV) “Peninnah would tease Hannah and upset her, because the LORD had made her unable to have children.”

I Samuel 1:7 “This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the Lord, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat.”

E. The provoking of Peninnah triggered anger.

I Samuel 1:8 “Elkanah her husband would say to her, “Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don’t you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don’t I mean more to you than ten sons?”

I Samuel 1:9 “Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now - Eli the priest was sitting on a chair by the doorpost of the Lord’s temple.”

II. Hannah prayed to her heavenly Father!

A. Hannah presented a specific request.

I Samuel 1:10 “In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the Lord.”

I Samuel 1:11a “And she made a vow, saying, “O Lord Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son”

B. Hannah promised to give this special child to the Lord.

****I Samuel 1:11b** “... then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.”

C. Hannah provided a simple explanation to Eli.

I Samuel 1:12 “As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth.”

I Samuel 1:13 “Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk.”

I Samuel 1:14 “And said to her, “How long will you keep on getting drunk? Get rid of your wine.”

I Samuel 1:15 “Not so, my lord,” Hannah replied, “I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord.”

I Samuel 1:16 “Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.”

I Samuel 1:17 “Eli answered, “Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.”

I Samuel 1:18 “She said, “May your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.”

III. Hannah kept her promise to God.

A. The Lord delivered a son to Hannah.

I Samuel 1:20 “So in the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, “Because I asked the Lord for him.”

Psalms 127:3 “Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.”

I Samuel 1:21 “When the man Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vow.”

I Samuel 1:22 “Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, “After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the LORD, and he will live there always.”

I Samuel 1:23 “Do what seems best to you,” Elkanah her husband told her. “Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the LORD make good His word.” So, the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.”

B. Hannah dedicated her son to the Lord.

I Samuel 1:24 “After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh.”

I Samuel 1:25 “When they had slaughtered the bull, they brought the boy to Eli.”

I Samuel 1:26 “And she said to him, “As surely as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord.”