



HANNAH

WORKSHEET
LESSON 6



A PORTRAIT OF A GODLY MOTHER

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Hannah — A Portrait of a Godly Mother

[1 Samuel 1:1 - 2:21]

Hannah's Background:

1. Hannah's name means _____, graciousness or favor. Her name reflects her gentle and quiet spirit [1 Peter 3:3-4]. Hannah was a woman of God. She not only knew God's Word but she _____ God's principles in her everyday life. She was a woman who purposed to follow God with all her heart even in the face of _____ and adversity. Hannah lived during the time of Judges where "every man did that which was right in his own eyes" [Judges 21:25].
2. Hannah faced many heavy _____. The three burdens she endured that are mentioned in Scripture were that she was involved in a polygamous marriage, she had a _____ adversary, and she was barren [1 Sam. 1:2-6]. Hannah's _____ in dealing with her problems was to go _____ to the Lord in prayer for she knew Him personally and intimately [1 Sam.1: 10, 12, 15].
3. Elkanah, her husband, practiced polygamy. Polygamy is the practice of having _____ or more wives or husbands at the same time. Polygamy first appeared in the reprobate line of _____ when Lamech took two wives [Gen. 4:19]. Wherever polygamy was practiced in Scripture, there was often jealousy and _____. Because God is omniscient and knows our human weaknesses, God recognized but not necessarily _____ polygamous marriages mainly to protect the rights of the _____ [Deut. 21:15-17]. Although Elkanah was a good husband to Hannah, practicing polygamy brought jealousy and rivalry to his home.
4. Peninnah was an adversary to Hannah. Peninnah had several children whereas Hannah had no children of her own. Peninnah caused Hannah much _____ and stress. She took _____ opportunity to make Hannah's life miserable. Peninnah's actions were fueled by the _____ of Elkanah's love for Hannah plus the _____ triggered by the double portion given to Hannah each year by her husband [1 Samuel 1:4-5]. Peninnah's _____ not only grieved Hannah, but also hurt her husband and set a bad _____ for her own children. Peninnah's brief mention in Scripture is short lived and definitely _____ by Hannah's godly life and character.
5. In biblical times, it was a great _____ for a woman not to be able to bear children. It was very important to have children to maintain the family's _____ and inheritance. But it was also the _____ of every Jewish

woman to be the one to bear the Jewish Messiah. Peninnah capitalized on Hannah's barrenness by taunting her with critical and harsh remarks, but Hannah did not retaliate in any way [1 Sam. 1: 6-8]. Hannah showed God's graciousness and _____ in face of Peninnah's constant and cruel remarks. Hannah may have been childless but she was not _____.

6. Hannah had a very _____ relationship with Elkanah even in spite of his polygamy. Because she is named first of the two wives, she was probably his _____ wife. Elkanah may have taken a second wife because of Hannah's barrenness, but his love for Hannah never _____ and remained very strong. Their inability to have children and Peninnah's constant diatribe regarding Hannah's barrenness only help to bring out Elkanah's _____ expressions of his love for Hannah. The real key to a thriving family starts with the love between a husband and his wife.
7. Elkanah was from the _____ tribe of Levi and from the family of the Kohathites [the same clan that Moses and Aaron were from]. Therefore, Hannah married into one of the most _____ families in Israel. Elkanah and his family lived among the tribe of Ephraim in northern Israel. Elkanah was a _____ man who took his family up to Shiloh yearly "to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts". They were a godly family living during an _____ time. As they went up each year to worship, Peninnah especially provoked Hannah with her _____ tongue reducing Hannah to tears and to lose her appetite [1 Sam. 1, 7]. However, Hannah knew where to take her burdens — she went to _____ to pray—giving her burdens to the One who alone could answer her prayers [Matt. 11:28].
8. Hannah lived during one of the most unsettled time in Israel's history in which there was great _____ and spiritual decay. Judges 17:6 states there was no king and people did what was _____ in their own eyes not was right in _____ eyes. It was a dark time in Israel's history, yet Hannah was not affected by this in her _____ to God. Her faith was so _____ that neither culture, spiritual climate nor adverse circumstances could turn her eyes away from God.

Hannah's Petition

9. It was in the house of God, that Hannah presented her _____ petition to her Lord. There were three aspects to her sincere prayer. Hannah prayed for a man child, she prayed _____, and her prayer ended with a promise to

God. Hannah's vow to God concerning the birth of a male child was that she would give him _____ to God "all the days of his life" and he would be a _____ from birth [1 Sam. 1:11].

10. A Nazarite was one who lived a life of _____. A Nazarite could not drink from the vine [wine or other strong drink], could not cut his hair, or could not touch a dead body. They were outward signs that served as a testimony of the Nazarite's _____ to God [Numbers 6:1-8]. A Nazarite could be a man or woman that is separated unto God by a vow of consecration. God's purpose in establishing the Nazarite group was to raise up within Israel a class of _____ individuals to whom God would grant special powers and be filled with the Holy Spirit.
11. Eli was the _____ of Israel. He made a serious mistake when he blatantly accused Hannah of being a drunk and worthless woman [1 Sam. 1:12-16]. Although Eli was quick to judge Hannah, he deliberately _____ the sins of his own sons, Hophni and Phinehas, who were "sons of Belial" [1 Sam. 2:12] and a terrible _____ to Israel's priesthood—a sign of the corruption and spiritual decay that existed during the Judges. God later _____ Eli's two sons for their wickedness [1 Sam. 4:11].
12. When Eli realized Hannah was not drunk but a woman of deep prayer and commitment, Eli then changed his tune and gave her a _____. He told Hannah to "go in peace and the God of Israel" would grant the petition she prayed for. Hannah responded _____ to Eli [1 Sam. 1:17-18] and left the house of God. She sorrowed no more. Why? She _____ God and it was only a matter of time God would bring that promise of a son to fruition. What an example of unwavering faith!

Hannah's Legacy

13. Before the next annual feast day, Hannah did _____ and Hannah bore a son. She named him Samuel. His name means "heard of the Lord"—a reminder of God's _____ to those who call on the name of the Lord [1 John 5:14-15]. Hannah and Elkanah must have been beside themselves with _____ and thanksgiving to God for giving them a son. Hannah's reproach of barrenness was gone, and Peninnah's taunting was _____ forever. Hannah's desire to be a _____ was fulfilled. No mother was more committed to raise her son for a life of service to God than Hannah. She instilled in him _____ and reverence for God and His word in the short period of time she had before giving him back to God's service. Samuel's life testifies of Hannah's outstanding job of a

mother and teacher of _____ truths. Samuel was a very important figure in Israel's history.

14. Hannah could have found many _____ for not keeping her vow in giving her son back to the Lord. Three good reasons were: (1) the polluted atmosphere of the temple, (2) the _____ of Eli's sons, and (3) the inadequate leadership of old Eli. However, Hannah trusted God _____ to meet Samuel's physical and spiritual needs. Hannah never wavered in her vow to give Samuel back to God even though it must have caused her great pain and _____ to be separated from her only son.
15. God blessed Hannah for her strong faith and resolute commitment to Him. After she had weaned Samuel [usually at 3-5 yrs of age], she dedicated her son to the _____ order with a burnt offering and to the _____ service with a joyful and grateful heart [1 Sam. 1:24-2:10]. Hannah visited Samuel yearly and brought him a coat, and no doubt, remained a strong spiritual _____ in Samuel's life. Sometime after Elkanah and Hannah left Samuel in the care of Eli at the temple, God blessed this godly couple with more _____ — three sons and two daughters [1 Sam. 2:18-21]. You can never out give the Lord!
16. Hannah's psalm of _____ is often called the "Magnificat" of the Old Testament. The theme of Hannah's song was her confidence in God's sovereignty. Hannah praises God for His holiness [vs. 2], knowledge [vs. 3], power and majesty [vss. 4-8] and strength and grace [vss. 9-10]. Hannah's faith blessed many people. Even _____, the mother of our Lord Jesus, was undoubtedly influenced by Hannah's life and song of praise. The Magnificat of Mary, Mary's own song of praise in the anticipation of the Messiah's birth has many _____ to Hannah's song [Luke 1:46-55]. *See attached chart.
17. Hannah's prayer had _____ effects for when she prayed for God to give her a son, little did she realize how God was going to use this male child. Samuel was the first great _____ after Moses and the last of the _____. Samuel was also the founder of the School of _____ and had the privilege of anointing the first two Hebrew kings. He also had two _____ of the Bible named after him. Samuel served the Lord faithfully all the days of his life. Hannah's prayer for a child changed the whole course of history throughout the nation of Israel. Because of Samuel, _____ Israel heard the word of God.

18. Some lessons we can learn from this biblical account of Hannah are: (1) Great Christian men usually have godly mothers of _____ faith and character [ex: Abraham Lincoln, John Wesley, Dr. Ben Carson]; Samuel was a godly man because of the influence of his godly mother; (2) Prayer is _____ for spiritual health and God's guidance [Phil. 4:6]; Samuel was a man of prayer just like his mother; (3) Be mindful of your _____; [Psalm. 141:3]. Your words can build up or tear down; don't be like Peninnah; 4) Do not rush to _____ others like Eli for you may not have all the facts [John 7:51]; and (5) Be gracious like Hannah even when other _____ or hurt you [Col. 4:6].

Conclusion:

Out of the pages of biblical history, Hannah, a godly woman of fervent prayer and uncompromising commitment appears _____ during the time of the Judges. Her solid faith and unwavering allegiance to the God of Israel is refreshing in contrast to the stark reality of moral and spiritual decay. Not only was Hannah a woman of _____ character, she was a woman of deep faith and showed graciousness in times of adversity. She is a picture of what a godly woman, wife and mother should be. Hannah's love and loyalty to her husband and children are _____ of mention. Her unselfish prayer led to the birth of Samuel which God used mightily for God's honor and glory. She used her time _____ in the short time she had to raise Samuel for the Lord's service. Not only did Samuel become a prophet and judge, but he was also a priest. Because of Hannah's _____ to raise a godly man, all of Israel heard the word of God [1 Sam. 4:1a]. Even the mother of Jesus was _____ by Hannah's life. Hannah is an amazing example what God can do in a life that is _____ committed to Him.

POINTS OF RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN HANNAH'S AND MARYS SONGS

Hannah's Song

[1 Sam. 2:1-10]

My heart rejoiceth in the Lord
Mine horn is exalted in the Lord

The bows of the mighty men are broken
And they that stumbled are girded with strength
The Lord killeth and maketh alive
He bringeth down to the grave and
bringeth up

They that were full have hired out
themselves for bread
And they that were hungry ceased

Mary's Song

[Luke 1:46-55]

My soul doth magnify the Lord
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour

He hath shewed strength with his arm
He hath scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts
He hath put down the mighty from their seats
And exalted them of low degree

He hath filled the hungry with good things
And the rich he hath sent empty away

Praise

**Power
&
Strength**

Provides

All the Women of the Bible, Herbert Lockyer, p. 66.