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Title:

The Greatest Offering.

Text: 1 Samuel 1-28

“Nothing less than a living sacrifice is demanded. Not a loan, but a gift; not a compromise, but a sacrifice; not our poorest, but our best. Not a dead, but a living offering. Each drop of our blood, each ounce of our energy, each throb of our heart, we must offer to God.”

Joseph Pearce

1 - Out of great need, Hannah determined to go to the Temple and meet with God.

Verse 9

- She ate and drank even though in verse 8 she had refused.
- She had a determined spirit.

It is powerful to note that her demeanor changed not when she received the answer to prayer, but when she had met with God in prayer.

Verse 18

2 - The greatest offering we can bring to God is a heart that is completely broken and transparent before Him.

Verse 10

There are 4 parts to her offering before God:

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| 1. Greatly distressed, | Verse 10a |
| 2. Prayed to the LORD, | Verse 10b |
| 3. Wept bitterly, | Verse 10c |
| 4. Made a vow. | Verse 11a |

When we come to Jesus broken and tearful, that very offering moves the heart of God.

- John 11:32-35 - Jesus is over tragedy.
- Mark 9:21-25 - Jesus is over ailments.
- Luke 7:37-39, 44-48 - Jesus is over sin and consequence.
- John 20:8-16 - Jesus is over our uncertainty.

3 - Hannah realized that if God gave her a child, it was for Him and not for her.

Verse 11

- If God gave us when we wanted, could we release it and give it back to Him?

4 - Hannah was consistent in her commitment to God no matter what the day brought.

Verse 19

- She consistently prayed and worshipped the Lord in the morning.
- Seeking God became her devotion.

5 - The most difficult part of life becomes releasing continually that which God has given to you!

Verses 24-28

- This is always the safest place to be!



1 - Come to God! Bring Him all that you are struggling with!

2 - Release back to Him all you have.