

Hannah, a Woman of Faith

TEXT: 1 Sam. 2:1-11

INTRODUCTION:

- A. ONLY TWO CHAPTERS TELL US ABOUT HANNAH.
 - 1. Mother of one of the greatest prophets and judges.
 - 2. A woman of great faith and persistence.
- B. HANNAH EXHIBITED SOME CHARACTERISTICS WORTHY OF CONTEMPLATION AND IMITATION.

WOMEN OF FAITH:

I. ENCOUNTER REAL PROBLEMS (1 Sam. 1:1-8).

- A. HANNAH HAD A HUSBAND WHO LOVED HER.
 - 1. A man of faith (**vs. 3; Judges 21:25**). Not everyone so devoted.
 - 2. He favored Hannah (**vs. 5**).
 - 3. He was concerned and sought to comfort her (**vs. 8**).
 - 4. Yet, there was misery in Hannah's life (**vs. 2, 5-7**).
- B. BOTH MEN AND WOMEN WILL EXPERIENCE "THORNS & THISTLES."
 - 1. A consequence of sin in the Garden (**Gen. 3:17-19**).
 - 2. There is good and evil in this world (**Job. 2:10; Ecc. 7:14**).
 - 3. We will get our share (**Matt. 5:45; Acts 14:22**).

II. PRAY FERVENTLY (1 Sam. 1:9-18).

- A. PEOPLE REACT DIFFERENTLY TO CHALLENGES IN THEIR LIVES.
 - 1. Some are driven away from the Lord (**Matt. 13:20-22**).
 - 2. The faithful are drawn that "place of refuge" (**James 5:13; 4:8; Psa. 27:1, 13**).
- B. HER COUNTENANCE WAS CHANGED BY FAITHFUL PRAYER (**1 Pet 5:7; Phil. 4:4-7**).

III. EXPERIENCE GOD'S PROVISION (1 Sam. 1:19-20).

- A. GOD LISTEN'S TO PRAYER (**James 5:16; 1 Pet. 3:10-12**).
- B. HE ANSWERS ACCORDING TO OUR NEED (**Matt. 7:7-11**).
- C. SOMETIMES HE SAYS "NO."

IV. KEEP THEIR VOWS (1 Sam. 1:21-28).

- A. A FIRST CONCERN OF THE PSALMIST (**Psa. 116:14**).
- B. WHO IS GOING TO HEAVEN? (**Psa. 15:1, 4**).
- C. WHETHER TO MEN OR GOD (**Ecc. 5:2-6**).
- D. WE HAVE VOWED FAITHFULNESS → (**Rom. 6:4; 2 Cor. 5:17**).

V. SHOW APPRECIATION THRU PRAISE (1 Sam. 2:1-11).

- A. CONSIDER WHAT GOD HAS DONE IN REDEEMING US (**John 3:16**).
- B. OUR SALVATION MAKES OUR SAVIOR WORTHY (**Psa. 34:3; 18:3; Heb. 13:15**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. HANNAH IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF HER PLACE IN HISTORY.
- B. AND BECAUSE OF THE LESSONS OF HER FAITHFUL LIFE.