

A Ministry of Prayer- “Hannah’s Prayer of Praise and Worship” – 1 Samuel 2:1-11

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When Hannah begins to pray this prayer of worship and thanksgiving in the presence of her family (and possibly others worshiping in the temple), all of the family members had to come to understand that Hannah was raised up from the depths of depression to “My heart rejoices in the LORD...” Only God can take someone from the depths of despair to a place of joy even in the midst of having to say “goodbye” to her little first-born son. I cannot imagine! When Hannah lent her son to the LORD, she was saying that she would give him entirely to God as an offering of thanksgiving for giving her a child, and Elkanah seems to be in complete agreement. But we must ask the question, “How does a person go from deep despair to prayer and rejoicing?” And the answer is that only God is able to do this kind of a work in a person’s heart. The joy and rejoicing came as a result of realizing that her prayer was completely and entirely according to the will of God regarding young Samuel. As a result, Hannah’s love and trust for her God grew, and so did her realization of the following truths:

- I. There is no _____ like the LORD! – vs. 1-2
 - a. Hannah’s _____ rejoices! – v. 1a
 - b. Hannah’s _____ is exalted! – v. 1b
 - c. God has become Hannah’s _____! v. 2c
- II. Hannah was blind to the working of God before, but now she _____ – v. 3
 - a. God is _____-knowing (omniscient) – v. 3c
 - b. God is a _____ judge of man’s actions – v. 3d
- III. God has the power to and He joys in _____ His children’s human circumstances – vs. 4-8
 - a. Hannah uses _____ contrasting examples:
 - i. Weak and the strong – v. 4
 - ii. The full and the hungry – v. 5a
 - iii. The barren and the fertile – (Hannah bore five more children – three sons and two daughters – see v. 21) v. 5b
 - iv. The dead and those who are made alive – v. 6a
 - v. The sick and the well – v. 6b
 - vi. The poor and the rich – v. 7
 - vii. The humble and the exalted – v. 8
- IV. The pillars of earth _____ to the LORD – vs. 8c-10
 - a. He guards the _____ of His saints – v. 9
 - b. He will _____ His anointed King! – v. 10
- V. Takeaways
 - a. Depend upon God _____ to be your rock – your stability and reliability.
 - b. Recognize that God desires to do the work in you that you _____ do yourself.
 - c. God’s desire is to reveal Himself to you as the eternal “_____.”
 - d. As you serve the Lord, you can be confident that He will _____ your feet.
 - e. Remember Matt. 6:10? “Your kingdom _____!”

“Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.”

~Max Lucado