



LADIES OF RENOWN

I Samuel 1-3 Hannah's Story

[Six Insights from A Great Woman]

[1] Be Faithful in Worship [I Samuel 1:1-8]

Hannah remained faithful to God even in difficult times. Despite her struggles, she made the annual trip with her husband to Shiloh to worship and sacrifice.

[2] Pray in the Storm [1 Samuel 1:9-18]

Hannah always pursued passionate prayer when her pain and anxiety overwhelmed her.

[3] Trust in God's Timing [I Samuel 1:19-20]

Hannah patiently waited for God to answer her prayers, trusting in His timing and plan.

[4] Keep Your Promises [1 Samuel 1:21-28]

Hannah fulfilled her vow by keeping her promise to God and dedicating Samuel to the Lord.

[5] Live with Gratitude [1 Samuel 2:1-10]

Hannah's response to the miracle in her life was a beautiful song focused on gratitude and praise to God for His blessings.

[6] Enjoy the Journey - Impact on Others [1 Samuel 3:1-11]

Hannah's dedication to God influenced Samuel's life, putting him on a path to serve the Lord. Her choice to live a life of faith has inspired believers for centuries.

Study Questions and Prayer

[1] Read I Samuel 1:1-18. How does Hannah's example in worship and prayer challenge our response to personal hardship and unanswered prayers?

[2] Read I Samuel 1:19-28. What does Hannah's story teach us about the balance between asking God for something and being willing to surrender the outcome to Him?

[3] Read I Samuel 2 and 3. In what ways can our faithfulness impact the spiritual direction of others, as seen in Hannah's influence on Samuel?

[4] Pray for God to teach you to pray with honesty and boldness, trusting that He hears you in every storm, and to wait patiently for His perfect timing, believing that His plans for you are good.

[I Samuel 2:1] And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; [Luke 1:46-53 – Mary's Song] my horn is exalted in the Lord. [1 Samuel 2:10, Psalm 75:10, 89:17, 89:24, 92:10, 112:9, 148:14] My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. [Psalm 9:14, 13:5, 20:5, 35:9]

...I have trusted in your steadfast love [mercy];
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. [Psalm 13:5]

[I Samuel 2:2] ² "There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides You; [Exodus 15:11, Psalm 86:8, 89:6, 89:8] there is no rock like our God. [Deuteronomy 32:30-31]

"Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? [Exodus 15:11]

[I Samuel 2:3-4] ³ Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by His actions are weighed. ⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. [Psalm 37:15, Psalm 46:9, Psalm 76:3]

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire. [Psalm 46:9]

[I Samuel 2:5-7] ^{5a} Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven [many], but she who has many children is forlorn. ⁶ The Lord kills and brings to life; He brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷ The Lord makes poor and makes rich; [Job 1:21] He brings low and he exalts. [Job 5:11, Psalm 75:7]

And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. . . he sets on high those who are lowly and those who mourn are lifted to safety. [Job 1:21, 5:11]

[I Samuel 2:8] ⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap [Psalm 113:7 - Psalm 113:8, Daniel 4:17, Luke 1:52] to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. [Job 36:7] For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. [Job 38:4-6, Psalm 24:2, Psalm 102:25, Psalm 104:5]

Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands. [Psalm 102:25]

[I Samuel 2:9-10] ⁹ "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, [Psalm 121:3, Proverbs 3:26, Psalm 91:11] for not by might shall a man prevail.

¹⁰ The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; [Psalm 2:9] against them he will thunder in heaven. [1 Samuel 7:10, Psalm 18:13, 2 Samuel 22:14] The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; [Psalm 96:10, Psalm 96:13, Psalm 98:9] He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed." [1 Samuel 2:1, Psalm 89:24]

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever, with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. [Psalm 89:1]