



Pray that ye be heard of God

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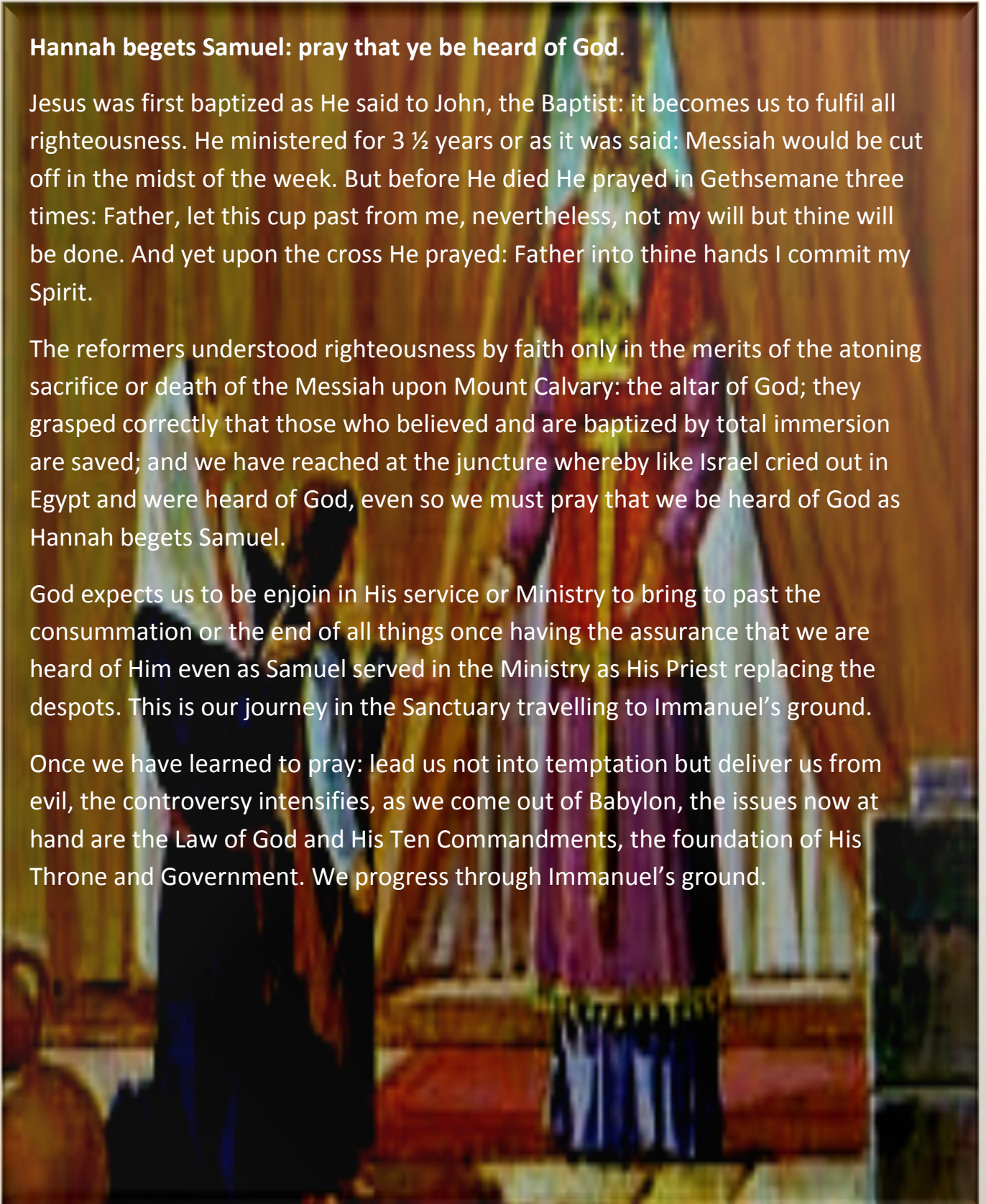
Hannah begets Samuel: pray that ye be heard of God.

Jesus was first baptized as He said to John, the Baptist: it becomes us to fulfil all righteousness. He ministered for 3 ½ years or as it was said: Messiah would be cut off in the midst of the week. But before He died He prayed in Gethsemane three times: Father, let this cup pass from me, nevertheless, not my will but thine will be done. And yet upon the cross He prayed: Father into thine hands I commit my Spirit.

The reformers understood righteousness by faith only in the merits of the atoning sacrifice or death of the Messiah upon Mount Calvary: the altar of God; they grasped correctly that those who believed and are baptized by total immersion are saved; and we have reached at the juncture whereby like Israel cried out in Egypt and were heard of God, even so we must pray that we be heard of God as Hannah begets Samuel.

God expects us to be enjoin in His service or Ministry to bring to past the consummation or the end of all things once having the assurance that we are heard of Him even as Samuel served in the Ministry as His Priest replacing the despots. This is our journey in the Sanctuary travelling to Immanuel's ground.

Once we have learned to pray: lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, the controversy intensifies, as we come out of Babylon, the issues now at hand are the Law of God and His Ten Commandments, the foundation of His Throne and Government. We progress through Immanuel's ground.



DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the memory of Hannah, our second child and daughter and Robert jnr., our first son, and third child. Hannah is a Hebrew name, which means favour shown to an inferior, gracious, mercy, pray or make supplication and Robert: of excellent worth, wise in counsel. The book of Samuel is about this whole business of prayer with its undertone and subtle references to our Redeemer, Yeshua, the Christ that was for to come.

Hannah as a Woman and Wife, firstly, embodies how to pray for the answer to her petition, being heard of God, a man child, or Son, Samuel and then, secondly she became all that she could, her full potential, a Mother. And Samuel whose name means: heard of God, speaks to the continuous ministry of being heard of God, such that as it was with Samuel, the Lord caused none of his words to fall to the ground even so all our prayers will be heard and answered by the Lord in due season.

There are two volumes to this business of prayer, 1st and 2nd Samuel that we shall be measuring to understand the secrets to answered prayers that we might learn how to pray successfully. Firstly, Hannah had to realize all that her name characterized and meant to have the answer to her prayer. In other words we must show favour to our inferiors, being merciful and gracious in order to find favour with our superior, God. What we ask of Him and expect of Him to give to us is what He expects us to give to others. So then to pray means we become that which we expect to receive, favour, grace and mercy. It is therefore a way of life. Once we have become merciful and gracious we have become one that prays except we are yet to voice or express the requests to God. The requests may be in audio or non-verbal, spoken in the heart. For God does not look at the outward appearance as do men but He looks at and knows the heart.

Once you have become fruitful in prayer to remain so you must honour whatsoever vow you had made with the Lord. The secret to having continuous answers to our prayers is firstly honouring our vows and as Samuel was lent to the Lord for his whole life even so we must likewise do the same and worship the Lord, all our lives, for He will never leave us nor forsake us...

So we will be looking at the prayer life of Elkanah and his House, Eli and his sons, Samuel, Saul, David and others. You will learn the secrets as you see the principles at work and you will know for sure how David, a youth Champion, slew Goliath, a Champion of the Philistines. It was not the stones and the sling, nor the sword, shield and spear but by the call upon the Name of the Lord! When you shall see how David was an ensign of the Lord to us all, then you will know what it is that the Lord expects of us to be doing that we might obey and usher in the end of time.

May the Lord add His richest blessings to all who read these pages...

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INTRODUCTION:

This Chapter is all about Hannah or what it means to pray: favour bestowed on an inferior, grace, mercy, pray or to make supplication for this is the meaning of her name which suggests that prayer begins long before one petition the Throne of mercy and grace and that one is as he prays. So to pray is a life so characterized as it does before the Throne of mercy and grace. For He hath shown thee o man what the Lord requires, but to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God, **Micah 6: 8**. Pray! Call on the Name of the Lord!

There are many who prey on others instead of doing as he does and what he expects to happen when he is heard of the Lord of hosts: favour shown. Such does not know how to pray and will not be heard of God. To pray also means to **call or invoke the Name of the Lord** like then began men to call upon the Name of the Lord, **Genesis 4: 26**. And whosoever calls upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved, **Romans 10: 13**. So therefore once we call we will be heard and answered. So let us therefore learn how to pray! So then Hannah begets Samuel! It is a simple equation.

HOUSE OF ELKANAH: THOSE CREATED AND REDEEMED

V1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaimzophim (double height of watchers), of mount Ephraim (double fruit), and his name was Elkanah (God or Almighty has created and redeemed), the son of Jeroham (compassionate, to love, mercy, to fondle), the son of Elihu (God of him), the son of Tohu (to depress), the son of Zuph (honeycomb), an Ephrathite (fruitfulness, another name for Bethlehem):

The certain man in the verse has been identified threefold, by Name, place of residence and descendants or lineage. His Name: Elkanah is an inference to **the Almighty Creator and Redeemer**, the one who performs these two great acts of Creation and Redemption and his lineage does the same identifying the Creator and Redeemer as being from the Father, the one who is Love, the Deity, Who depresses, A Honeycomb for sweet droppings.

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His place of residence also speaks to this certain duality being **Ramathaimzophim** **being** the double height of watchers situated on the lofty **Mount Ephraim** named after the son of Joseph because he said God has made him fruitful, and he being the second son which meant double fruited. Likewise Elkanah was an Ephrathite which means he was of **Ephratha** meaning fruitfulness and also another or second Name for Bethlehem which meant the House of Bread.

Thus the Name, lineage, and place of residence of this certain man bore inferences to the Almighty Creator and Redeemer, who is of the Father of Love, who gives joy or depresses and is double fruitful and would be born in Bethlehem of Judea, an Ephrathite.

V8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah (show favour to an inferior, mercy, grace, pray, make supplication) why weepst thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?

The dialogue in House of Elkanah between himself and his wife illustrates what is done in prayer. Firstly Elkanah's House is a House of Prayer. The Almighty expects His wife in His House to speak to Him in prayer and say why she weeps, fast and is of a grieving heart. Prayer is therefore defined as having dialogue with the Lord of the House and it may involve, weeping, fasting and a grieving heart but the reason for this is all expressed in dialogue with the Lord of the House.

As Elkanah thought even so the Lord is better to His wife, the Church, than 10 Sons, but He would have every member satisfied in His House, therefore, He invites us to speak our peace in His Spiritual House here upon earth.

V15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

Hannah, the one who prays, did just that before the Lord, as she explained to the Priest, calling him: my Lord.

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She was not drunk with wine or strong drink but she offered up, pouring out her soul before the Lord, these were her sacrifice a broken spirit and a contrite heart which surely the Lord will not despise, **Psalms 51: 17**. A sorrowful heart broke her spirit and she met the condition to be heard of the Lord offering up the sacrifice which He respected. Thus Hannah after such a season will be renewed like a new born as will be seen. How often we pray and we fail to meet the condition of sincerity, a broken spirit and a contrite heart to secure the answer to our prayer.

In-fact it is recorded that the whole creation groans waiting for the redemption, **Romans 8: 22-23**. Our Almighty Creator and Redeemer hear and will answer the prayer of all the saints for the adoption of sons and daughters.

V22 But Hannah was not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide forever.

Whatever we receive in answer to our prayer must be cared for in the best way as Hannah cherished and nurtured the young child breast feeding him before she honours her vow and return him to appear before the Lord and there abide ever. Whatever is the answer to our prayers we must so dedicate it to be used in the service of the Lord, for as we give pressed down and shaken together so shall men (and God) give unto us for with whatever measure we mete it shall be measured again to us, **Luke 6: 38**.

Out of the man was taken the woman and out of the woman came a man child, the builder of the family name. Faith exercised as Hannah, the woman that prays, yields fruit as the seed that is planted bring forth a tree that bears fruit. Thus it is written: man ought always to pray and not faint, **Luke 18: 1**. And the fervent effectual prayer of a righteous man avails much, **James 5: 16**.

The House of the Almighty is a house of prayer for all nations, **Mark 11: 17**. As it is written whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved, **Acts 2: 21**.

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TO PRAY CHANGES LIFE: HANNAH BECOMES AS PENINNAH, A MOTHER

V2 And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah (favoured, mercy, to pray or make supplication), and the name of the other Peninnah (pearl as round: a ruby): and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

Though Hannah had no children and Peninnah was both wife and mother for their husband we have heard and we know that prayer changes things even such that she became a precious stone as a Pearl or a Ruby as Peninnah to her husband bearing him children.

To pray means to flex the spiritual muscles to grasp the possibilities that are of God, and all things are possible with God if only we believe, **Mark 9: 23**, therefore prayer changes or transforms things.

V9 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh (tranquil, safety, success or happy), and after they had drunk. Now Eli (Lofty) the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.

The Temple of the Lord is in Shiloh which speaks to it being one of safety and happiness though the family had eaten she did not Hannah's heart was set to commune with the Lord in prayer at this place of spiritual success. There she finds The Priest Eli, as the Lofty One seated by the post as an Intercessor for those who approach the Mercy Seat to pray.

This, know: we have an advocate Jesus the righteous who intercedes in our behalf with the Father, **1 John 2: 1**. He advises when we pray to our Heavenly Father we should ask of Him in His Name, **John 16: 23**.

V16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

It is important that the Priest as our Intercessor identifies whose we are. The daughter of Belial or rebellion clearly is one of disobedience and does not belong to the generation of the upright.

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It is thus recorded if we regard iniquity in our hearts the Lord will not answer us and our prayers shall be an abomination, **Psalms 66: 18 and Proverbs 28: 9**. We are allowed to come out of the abundance of our complaints and grief though to speak to the Lord in prayer.

V23 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

How many of us like Hannah breast fed her young one ensure that we give to the new born babes the answer to our prayer for souls the sincere milk of the word thereby they may grow having tasted and seen that the Lord is gracious, **1 Peter 2: 3**. That they be strong and be established in His word as even the Lord establishes His word that none can go against Him though we have the free will to do as we choose.

The young ones must be breast fed and then weaned before they are given strong food and go up and appear before the Lord. Remember, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God, **Roman 10: 17**. Whatever we ask believing in prayer it shall be given unto us, **Matthew 21: 22**. So we need faith in order to pray effectually, so then we must be students of the bible, the word of God.

THE TIME OF WORSHIP AND SACRIFICE:

V3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni (pugilists: one who fights with the fists, a boxer, fist (both) hands) and Phinehas (mouth of a serpent), the priests of the LORD, were there.

There were three annual feasts of the Lord that all males of the House of Israel were required to attend each year at the place where God placed His Name where the Temple was situated, **Exodus 23: 17**. This verse seems to allude to these annual feasts that the House Elkanah attended to worship and to sacrifice unto the Lord in Shiloh.

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The Priests of the Lord who were ministers of the Temple at Shiloh were Eli (lofty) and his two sons, Hophni (boxer) and Phinehas (mouth of the serpent).

V10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

Hannah uses this opportunity at Shiloh, the place of success and tranquility, to pray unto the Lord being in bitterness of soul and wept sore. The fervent effectual prayer of a righteous man avails much, **James 5: 16**. Worshippers were instructed to either pray towards the Temple of the Lord or to pray at His Temple. Thus anyone not able to go up to the Temple could pray toward it to be heard of the Lord, **1 Kings 8: 33 and 48**.

V17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

The benediction is now administered by Eli, the Priest: 'go in peace' he said, and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition thou has asked of him.

V24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young.

Freely did Hannah received of the Lord the answer to her petition and freely she now gives back unto the Lord according to the vow she vowed and she brought the young child unto the House of the Lord in Shiloh that he might abide there all his life, **Matthew 10: 8**. Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord and the fruit of the womb is His reward, **Psalms 127: 3**. As the Lord has rewarded you so should you reward Him: honour the Lord with the first fruit of thy increase so shall thy barn be filled with plenty and thy press burst forth with new wine, **Proverbs 3: 9-10**.

THE OFFERING OF (FAITH) THE WOMEN:

V4 And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:

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As Elkanah gave gifts or portions to Peninnah his wife and her sons and daughters when he offered that they may have an offering even so the source of all our offerings is from God. For example let us prophesy according to the proportion of our faith that has been given to us, **Romans 12: 6**.

V11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

The object lesson of the previous verse is now put into practice in this verse Hannah, the handmaid of the Lord vowed a vow accordingly: if Thou will indeed look and remember me and not forget, but will give unto me a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life and no razor shall come upon his head. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and his ears are open unto their prayers, but the face of the Lord is against the wicked to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth, **Psalms 34: 15-16**.

As Hannah vowed even so Mary in her day fulfilled when the time came that she brought forth of the Lord being His handmaid and Yeshua was brought up a Nazarite, **Matthew 2: 23**.

So Hannah offered both her portion and made her prayer offering vowing to give of her best to the Lord.

V18 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

Not once was it made mention in the chapter that Hannah rendered evil for the evil that was shown her by those who grieved her sorely instead she showed grace to such now she asked for a similar grace from the Lord's intercessor and her soul was satisfied that she poured out all unto the Lord so now the woman of faith went her way and eat and her countenance was no more sad.

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V25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

Both the animal sacrifice and the child offering are presented to the Priest Eli as was promised.

LEVITICAL INTERCESSOR AND OUR PRAYERS:

V5 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.

The cattle upon a thousand hills belong unto the Lord, **Psalms 50: 10**. And the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein, **Psalms 24: 1**. As Elkanah gave a worthy portion unto Hannah because he loved her even so does the Lord to His people, His Church and wife, but the time had not come for her to be blessed with the gift of motherhood.

V12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked (observe, watch) her mouth.

Now we see the role of the Levitical Priest in this business of prayer who typifies the One in whose Name we present our petition. He marks, observe or pay attention to our mouth and what we pray.

V19 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.

Once the Priest marks what his prayed at the right time as we continue to exercise our faith claiming what we have asked and going on in the normal course of our lives, the Lord remembers and grant us our petition.

V26 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD.

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As the prayer of faith saved the sick and the Lord raises him up and if he had any sins they are forgiven him, **James 5: 15**, even so every faithful soul will be granted their petition and they will make reference to them as Hannah did recounting it in her testimony to the Priest.

HANNAH AND SAMUEL: PRAYED AND HEARD OF GOD:

V6 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.

Now we see the function of the adversary in the female rival (including the mother of harlots) who opposes to make those of the faith to fret because the Sovereign had 'shut' and causes her not to be fruitful. But such an adversary only creates or heightens the opportunity for us to ask and seek the Lord with all our hearts in prayer, knocking that he might hear us and 'open' unto us that which is needed. He works through his agents to make us fret that we be destroyed but God allows these instances for our good, **Romans 8: 28**, that we be settled fully in His truth, proving that we know of His great love for us. For all things works together for our good to those who are called to be heirs according to His purpose.

V13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

Every such situation must be met by us as Hannah who entered into her closet and prayed secretly as she spake in her heart, only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard, therefore those looking on like Eli knew not what she was doing, and the Lord who sees and knows the heart in time will reward us as he did her openly, **Matthew 6: 6**. We must enter this spiritual closet as the Lord knows every heart.

V20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel (heard of God), saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

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So then at the perfect time after conception Hannah (pray) begets Samuel (heard of God): those who pray will be heard of God and we will receive the answer to our petition that our faith be sealed.

V27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

So then because of our experience with the Lord knowing that he answers prayer we like Hannah will testify: the Lord has given us that which we asked of Him! Glory, Hallelujah to His Name! Will you like Hannah call on His Name?

THE RECOUNT: PRAY (EARLY AND) WITHOUT CEASING

V7 And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

We are counseled to pray (worship) without ceasing as is being demonstrated in the verse above that Hannah's provocation lasted year by year when she went up to the House of the Lord therefore she wept or supplicate and did not eat or fasted. But this was as the foreplay to actually making the request or petition and sealing it with a vow. How many times do we cry unto the Lord yet without making a petition to remedy our situation that caused the anguish and pain? Had Hannah done this earlier, just maybe or perhaps her supplications and fastings would have ended earlier and turn into prayers of praise and thanksgiving.

The House of the Lord where He places His Name for us to call or pray to Him is not excluded from schisms and provocations influenced by the adversary or opponent who uses chiefly, envy and jealousy, among other things, to incite this among the family of God. Therefore, there will always be the need to pray or call upon His Name, hence this should not prevent or deter us from going to His House or Church. Remember, the enemy opposes all that is called God or worship, so then he as God sits in the temple of God showing himself to be God, **2 Thessalonians 2: 4**. The recount identifies this controversy among the family of God who worships at the place where He places His Name:

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- 1 The certain man is identified as Elkanah from Ramathaimzophim of Mount Ephraim and his lineage.
- 2 His family or wives (and children) identified as One who prays: Hannah and One who preys on the other: Penninah, ruby or pearl that has children. This is a description for the Church, the wife of Creator and Redeemer, those who are made fruitful because of their prayers and those who are natural fruitfully but are unprofitable because they prey on others.
- 3 The Lord of Hosts being in Shiloh is identified as being peaceful, tranquil or in safety. His Priests are also identified as being like the wife, one Lofty and yet others fight with their fists and have the mouth of serpents. Hence, the Master counsels that the wheat and the tares shall grow together until the day of the harvest, **Matthew 13: 30**.
- 4 Every good gift and offering is from the Father of Light, **James 1: 17**, which is given unto His wife as Elkanah gave portions unto his wives and children for them to offer back unto God. Nothing they had was theirs. But were given to them to give back unto the Lord in faithfulness, therefore, none had the right to criticize or provoke the other when all things came from the God of grace and mercy. Instead, those who identify or observe the flaw(s) or fault(s) of the other should but rather pray for and with the one so flawed.
- 5 Notwithstanding our failings (as He is still working on us) the Lord loves those who are gracious, merciful and prays and this is reflected in the measure and portion of the offerings or gifts given unto us which is to be used in His service.
- 6 Our flaws, faults and failings will be used by the adversary or opponent who is present among us to provoke us and make us fret.

V14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

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Our prayers must be earnest, sincere with fervency and importunate even to the extent that it appears as if we are drunk but not with wine nor strong drink, that we have eaten but not food, yea, the word of God which is Spirit and life, **John 6: 63**, that we hear and do these words: cast your care upon Him for He cares for you, **1 Peter 5: 7**, being filled with the Spirit and not with wine wherein there is excess, **Ephesians 5: 18**, our wills being strengthened that we approach the mercy seat with boldness that we might get help in this time of need. We have put away wine wherein is excess and are filled with the Spirit because we are feasting upon the Word of God that we are empowered! Our Priest in Heaven, the Lofty One, is touched with the feeling of our infirmities, for He was in all points tempted as we are yet without sins, therefore, He is able to succor us, **Hebrews 4: 15**, by His Spirit.

The recount identifies several constituent parts of the responses to the existing conditions and the fervent effectual prayer; also the spirit intercedes in our behalf with groaning which cannot be uttered, **Romans 8: 26**, they are:

- 8 The foreplay, conditions which causes supplications (wept sorely), fastings (abstain from food, why eatest thou not?), and a sorrowful heart or broken spirit (grieved heart).
- 9 **Seeking the Lord by going to or directing the Prayers** (Petition, what we ask) **to His Dwelling Place or Temple**. Here the Priest as Intercessor is to Minister in our behalf.
- 10 **Petition or Prayer made to the Lord** with a broken spirit (bitterness of soul) and with supplications (wept sore)
- 11 **The vow** if the petition or prayer is answered, in Hannah's it is 100% offering back unto the Lord of that which she had asked: a man child of the Nazarite order. Hannah so bind the Lord to work in her behalf which is His, dedicating even the gift back unto the Lord, totally unselfish. How many are willing to be used totally to the glory, honour and will of God.

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Will not the Lord be bound which such sincere vow to grant us the petition which is accompanied by a 100% vow of dedication to Him? Yea, surely He will grant you the desire of your heart!

12 Prayers offered up unto the Lord are marked or observed by the High Priest, Jesus Christ, the righteous. They are presented to our Heavenly Father, in the Name of His Son, Jesus Christ, **John 16: 23**.

13 We are encouraged and **counseled to pray in secret**, to that end we are to enter our closets and pray, **Matthew 6: 6**. Hannah's closet was her heart, her mouth moved but there was no audio, so it appeared that she was drunk with wine. The Father who hears us in secret will reward us openly for all to see.

V21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

Yearly, year by year, or continually, the family or the whole house of the Almighty Creator and Redeemer are to appear before Him to present their offering unto Him and perform their vows even so the Lord Himself does what He has promised unto us. The relationship is complementary as we obey even so the Lord does what He has promised. This will continue throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. As the New Heavens and the Earth shall remain before me, so shall your seed and your Name. And it shall come to pass from one Sabbath to another and from one new Moon to another so shall all flesh come and worship before me, **Isaiah 66: 23**.

How does our prayers generate to bring forth, the recount identifies this process?

15 it stems from a sorrowful heart and a broken spirit when the soul is poured out unto the Lord. These are the sacrifices of the Lord which He does not despise, **Psalms 51: 17**.

16 Out of the abundance of the heart (grief and complaint) the mouth thus spoke, **Luke 6: 45**.

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17 The benediction of the High Priest must be pronounced: Eli said go in peace and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition!

18 Like the handmaid of the Lord we will get the assurance that grace is bestowed in our behalf once we experience this change: beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning and the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness, **Isaiah 61: 3**, that we can rise and eat our meal and be no more of a sad countenance.

19 We continue in worship and return to our own house and God will remember our petition as we go about our daily lives.

20 At the right time that which we have asked of the Lord comes to pass as God had heard so then Hannah begets Samuel: pray that ye are heard of God.

V28 Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God, **Matthew 4: 4**. And faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God, **Romans 10: 17**. This is the life of faith hearing or obeying the Word of God which as long as the answer to our prayers last or exist it must be dedicated in service to honour and bring glory to God. How many of us when our prayers are answered continue to be faithful in our relationship with God, performing our vows? As we are counseled to pray early and without ceasing so must we continue in the service and worship of our God endlessly!

The recount looks at one in the service or ministry of the Lord and how we must dedicate the gifts of the Lord in that service:

22 the young child was promised to the Lord but before he is taken up to the Temple, Hannah nurtured him with the best source of nutrition, breast milk and weans him.

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Likewise as new born babes we must desire the sincere milk of the Word thereby we may grow in the service of faith, and surely we will know that the Lord is gracious, **1 Peters 2: 2.**

23 As we cooperate with the Lord or otherwise He will establish His word as a two edge sword it cuts either way in our lives.

24 As a young child after being weaned the time came and he is taken up to Shiloh's Temple with three bullocks, an ephah of flour and a bottle of wine for worship and dedication.

25 The animal sacrifice is offered and the gift of the Child given to the Priest, Eli.

26 Reference is made of the experience and its source: prayer unto the Lord.

27 The testimony: for this child I prayed and the Lord hath given me the petition I asked.

God answers prayers in the morning, God answers prayers at noon, God answers prayers in the evening, so keep your hearts in tune. Whisper a prayer in the morning, whisper a prayer at noon, whisper a prayer in the evening, so keep your hearts in tune. Amen.

