

A Woman to Remember on Mother's Day
(1 Samuel 1:1-2:11)

I. Some General Observation Concerning 1 Samuel

- 1 Samuel is a transition book linking the period of the _____ to the period of the United _____ / Kingdom under Samuel, Saul, & David!

- a reoccurring sin cycle of the times:
- At this time, it wasn't so much that there was no King in Israel, but **that Jehovah was _____ worshipped and recognized as Israel's _____!**

Key thought--1 Samuel 2:30

- The books of Samuel bridge the period of Israel's history from the _____ to the _____, from loose _____ affiliations to that of a strong central _____!

II. The Birth of Samuel and His Amazing Mother Hannah (1:1-2:11)

A. Some Key Characters in this Early Chapter Include...

1. _____—a man who went to Shiloh yearly according the WOG to worship & sacrifice to the _____!
2. _____—his 1st wife - she was _____ or _____.
3. _____ - his second wife, who bore Elkanah _____.

* Which woman did Elkanah love the most? (1:5 & 8)

B. Hannah's Plight (1:6-8)

1. Included her: being _____, being provoked & _____ by her rival. This made her _____, _____, and unable to even _____.
 2. The Lord had _____ her _____ (mentioned 2x vs 5-6)
 3. But her desperate situation, sadness & depression caused her to _____ to the _____ & _____.
 4. God was _____ working through this godly woman for her _____ & the _____ of the _____.
- **The point:** God abundantly _____ fervent effective _____, as this allows Him to accomplish His _____ in time.

C. Hannah's Prayer (1:9-18)

1. Hannah so desired to be rid of the stigma of barrenness that she _____ to _____ any son God gave to her, back to the Lord for _____ to Him. (1:11)

• What should this teach you? That God is looking for _____ saints...

a. who willingly seek God in their _____ ... *"I can't but you can Lord"* (1:10)

b. who willingly turn to Him in _____ & pray about _____ (1:11)

2. Eli was watching this woman & not hearing what she said, assumes the worst about her—that she is _____ ! * Now why would he assume this?

3. Although there was a lack of the "*fear of the Lord*" in the nation, here is a godly _____ in whom the _____ has been working, whose heart is now _____ to the lord making an amazing _____.

c. who willingly _____ in their prayer life as they _____ their cares on Him _____ (1:18)

D. God's Answer (1:19-23)

1. After faith-resting on her prayer to God, they returned home... *"and the Lord _____ her"*!

2. Hannah _____ & bore a _____ & called him Samuel.

3. Hannah stayed at home with Samuel until he was weaned. During these formidable years they poured into Samuel unconditional _____, personal _____, & a sense of _____.

* How can this be true of you?

E. Hannah's Vow Fulfilled (1:24-28)

1. Hannah reminded Eli that she was the woman who prayed for this child & had made a _____ to _____ him to the Lord for life.

2. Hannah _____ lent her only son to the Lord for His purposes. And for her sacrifice, God gave her ___ more sons & ___ daughters (2:21) to replace him.

3. During these formidable years they poured into Samuel unconditional _____, personal _____ & a sense of _____.

*How can this be true of you?

- who willingly desire to give God the _____ for answered prayer (1:27-28)

• How did Hannah glorify God here?

* What does all this mean to you?