

Sun. Morning

A COURAGEOUS MOTHER

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Text: 1 Samuel 1:1-11

"Now there was a certain man of Ramathaimzophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite: 2 And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. 3 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 and Phinehas, the priests of the Lord, were there. 4 And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: 5 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the Lord had shut up her womb. 6 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the Lord had shut up her womb. 7 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. 8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons? 9 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the Lord. 10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore. 11 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." (1 Samuel 1:1-11)

INTRODUCTION

- increasing single life in younger adults
* but singles still rotating co-forming rotating doors of couples without marriage

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." (Proverbs 31:28)

Quote: "No man is poor who has a godly mother."—**Abraham Lincoln**

Quote: "I learned more about God from my mom than from all the theologians in England."— **John Wesley**

1. HANNAH'S COURAGE

IN Discouragement (v. 1-7)

"In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes." (Judges 21:25) - problems in polygamy

A. She Was barren - infertile no children

"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." (Psalm 127:3)

Quote: "There is no attribute more comforting to His children than that of God's sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe trials, they believe that sovereignty has ordained their afflictions, that sovereignty overrules them, and that sovereignty will sanctify them all." - **Charles Spurgeon** - God shut her womb

B. She Was belittled - her enemy 2nd wife

SHE WAS TAUNTED - bullied by Peninnah

SHE WAS WORRIED.

Quote: "Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows, but only empties today of its strength." - **C. H. Spurgeon**

2. HANNAH'S COURAGE

IN Prayer (v. 10-11)

"Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. 2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I." (Psalm 61:1-2)

Quote: "The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety." - **George Muller**

A. Her prayer - Give me a son

Quote: "Prayer moves the arm that moves the world."
- **Charles Spurgeon**

"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;" (Luke 18:1)

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" (Ephesians 6:18)

Quote: "Make sure the heavenly Father hears about your kids daily!"

B. Her promise
- Hannah gave her first born son to God's service

Quote: "Hannah did not "bargain" with the Lord; rather, she proved her spirituality by willingly offering God her best — her firstborn son." — **Warren Wiersbe**

*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."
(3 John 1:4)*

C. Her presentation (1:24, 28)

GOD REMEMBERED

HANNAH SURRENDERED

Hannah brought Samuel to live at the Tabernacle

Quote: "What a testimony from a godly mother! If we had more parents like Elkanah and Hannah, we would have more godly people like Samuel. ...Samuel belonged to the Lord for the rest of his life." — **Warren Wiersbe**

3. HANNAH'S COURAGE

TO Honor GOD (v. 2:1-3, 19-21)

Hannah
psalm
of
rejoicing

A. For deliverance

"O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee. 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee." (Psalm 25:20-21)

B. For strength

"Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me. 3 For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me." (Psalm 31:2-3)

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1)

C. For service — she made a robe every year — she visited Samuel every year

CONCLUSION

- Num 6:5 Nazarite vow in Law of Moses
- 1 Sam 1-11 Hannah's vow to God
- 1 Sam 2:21 God gave Hannah 3 more sons & several daughters

