

SERMON-BASED STUDY: HANNAH'S SONG

1 Samuel 2:1-11, ESV – *And Hannah prayed and said,*

*“My heart exults in the LORD;
my horn is exalted in the LORD.*

*My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in your salvation.*

² *“There is none holy like the LORD:
for there is none besides you;
there is no rock like our God.*

³ *Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.*

⁴ *The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble bind on strength.*

⁵ *Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.*

*The barren has borne seven,
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;
he brings low and he exalts.*

⁸ *He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.*

*For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and on them he has set the world.*

⁹ *“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,
for not by might shall a man prevail.*

¹⁰ *The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces;
against them he will thunder in heaven.*

*The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king
and exalt the horn of his anointed.”*

¹¹ *Then Elkanah went home to Ramah. And the boy was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli the priest.*

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 Hannah's prayer is a prayer of worship and praise to God. Why is Hannah able to pray in this fashion? Share a time when you have prayed this way?
- 2 What part of Hannah's prayer do you find most significant? Explain.
- 3 What lessons can we learn from Hannah's prayer for our own prayers?

DIGGING DEEPER

A *Luke 1:46-55, ESV – ⁴⁶ And Mary said,
⁴⁷ "My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁸ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."*

4 Compare and contrast Mary's prayer with Hannah's prayer.

5 Mary and Hannah rejoiced in God's attributes and in His works. What attributes and works of God have you recently rejoiced in? Explain.

6 How does reflecting on God's attributes and works affect the way you worship?

B *Isaiah 28:16, ESV* – ¹⁶ therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: 'Whoever believes will not be in haste.'

1 Corinthians 3:11, ESV – ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-6, ESV – ⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

7 Looking at the passages above, why is Jesus referred to as a tested, precious, living cornerstone?

8 In 1 Peter 2:4-6, Peter refers to followers of Christ as living stones that are built on Jesus, the cornerstone. What does it mean for us to be living stones?

9 What sacrifices can we offer that are pleasing to God?

TAKING IT HOME

Hannah's song/prayer is rooted in joy for the blessings she has received from God. In all things and in all circumstances, God was her source of joy. She rejoiced in God's attributes and His work in her life and in the world. How well do you rejoice in God? Spend time this week praising and singing to God for who He is and what He has done and will do. Pray for one another as you look to be followers that praise God on a regular basis.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Galatians 6:7

Colossians 1:15-20

Hebrews 11:6