

Hannah

Sorrow

Son

Song

(1 Sm.1:1-2:11)

Background

1. 1 Samuel begins where Judges finishes – late in Judges period
2. Ramathaim, 1 (= Ramah, 19)
3. Zuphites: Levite clan, 1 Chr.6:22-38
4. 'Hannah' (NT: Anna)

I. Hannah's Problems

Everyone has problems

1. Clueless husband.

- Two wives, 1-2.
- Hannah had no children, 2 (excuse for polygamy?).
- Elkanah cannot sympathize, 8.

Everyone has problems

1. Clueless husband.

2. Cruel rival.

- Many children, 4

- Provoked Hannah severely, 5-6

- Hannah wept, would not eat, 7

My heart is stricken and withered like
grass, So that I forget to eat my bread

– Ps.102:4

Everyone has problems

1. Clueless husband.
2. Cruel rival, 4, 5, 7.
3. Continual childlessness, 7.
 - Heart grieved, 8 (heartsick)
 - Bitterness, 10 (Ru.1:20)
 - Crying uncontrollably, 10
 - Mature saints were discouraged
 - Trust is based on God

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3. Continual childlessness, 7.
4. **Condemned while praying**, 12-14
 - Eli falsely accused, 12-14;
condoned guilty sons, 2:12-17.
 - Wicked woman* (16) = 2:12.

Everyone has problems

1. Clueless
 2. Cruel
 3. Continuous
 4. Condemned
- Eli's sons: immoral, secular, selfish, irreverent, discouraging, scandalous, disobedient, blasphemous, impenitent

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How did Hannah handle her problems?

1. Trusted God unconditionally, 3, 6-7
 - Did not use hypocrites for excuse
 - God knows her heart

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2. Worshipped God devoutly, 7
 - Did not blame God

Why does Peninnah have
children and I don't?

Do You love worldly
more than You love me?

How did Hannah handle her problems?

1. Trusted God unconditionally, 3, 6-7
2. Worshipped God devoutly, 7
3. Prayed to God fervently, 10-18
 - Not discouraged by circumstances
 - Period of Judges; Hophni, Phinehas

Why raise a child
in this society?

I. Hannah's Problems

II. Hannah's Prayer

Mingled with tears

- Produced in a broken heart, 10 – bitterness, anguish

Tears may better equip us
for service than treasure;
Pain may better prepare us
for heaven than pleasure

Mingled with tears

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- Petitioned God for repairs, 10
- Positive request in spite of problems, 11, 18
- Promised child to Lord, 11

Nazarite vow,
Num.6:5

No annulment,
Num.30:6-15

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- Promised child to Lord, 11
- Praised God, 20.

**‘Samuel’: His name
is God**

**Pun: sounds like
‘God hears’**

I. Hannah's Problems

II. Hannah's Prayer

III. Hannah's Present

A gift for Israel

21: annual trip – worship

22: without Hannah; wean Samuel

23-25: tabernacle – brought . . .

Bull to sacrifice
Son for service

25-26: child to Eli
27: LORD granted...

Lent him to LORD (28): Ex.12:36

1 Sm.1:11, 'gave'

Worshipped God, 1:28; 2:1-11

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IV. Hannah's Praise

2:1-11 – psalm, prayer

- 'Horn' – strength in LORD (1)
 - Incomparable God; monotheism, 2
 - Divine Listener, 3: LORD understood
 - His judgment levels people,
reverses circumstances, 4-5 (v.21)

2:1-11 – psalm, prayer

- ‘Horn’ – strength in LORD (1)
- Ultimate leveling (6)
 - Reverses human fortunes
 - Ps.73

– 1 Samuel

Peninnah

Eli's sons

Philistines

Goliath

Saul

Nabal

Absalom

Shimei

2:1-11 – psalm, prayer

- ‘Horn’ – strength in LORD (1)
- Ultimate leveling (6)
- Born into money / poverty – God raises poor, lifts beggars (7-8)
 - God’s promises (9-10)

They go home . . .
without Samuel (11)

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V. Hannah's Product

God used Hannah to show us . . .

- Godly mother, 1:11
- Godly goals, 1:11, 22, 28
- Godly example, 1:11 –life of . . .

Praising God

Raising Samuel

Amazing vow

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- Began training early, 2:18

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- Living in presence of God, 2:21
(Dt.6:7)
- Constant growth in favor, 2:26
(Lk.2:52)
- Respect, 3:4-10
- Obedience, 3:10 (1 Sm.28)
- Faithfulness, 3:19-21