

Hannah's Story

A life of Sacrifice

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- She was married to a man by the name of Elkanah and like many other women across the world through the centuries, she really struggled to conceive a child. Due to this, she felt unworthy as a wife and as a woman. Even so, her husband, Elkanah, still loved her very much.
- Hannah was a woman of deep spiritual devotion who understood the power of prayer.
- Yearly Hannah joined her husband Elkanah on a journey to Shiloh to worship and sacrifice to the Lord.
- Hannah was one of two wives. Elkanah's other wife, Peninnah, was blessed with children, and used this advantage to antagonise Hannah. This continued for several years; and eventually one year, Hannah was so distraught when she up to the temple of the Lord to worship Him, she could not even eat.
- During this time, Hannah wept before the Lord, and she prayed with all her heart. She asked God for baby boy, vowing to dedicate him to the work of the Lord, should she conceive.
- Eli, the priest on duty in the house of the Lord noticed only her lips moving, but heard no sound; so he thought she was intoxicated. She explained to him that she was not drunk, but in fact heartbroken, longing for a child.
- Eli saw her pain, and prayed that God would grant her heart's desires.

God's Hand in Hannah's Life

- God heard Hannah's cries, so He blessed her with a gift of a son, and she gave him the name Samuel.
- Hannah then dedicated Samuel to the service of the Lord as she had committed to do.
- Therefore, after Samuel had been weaned, she brought him to the temple of the Lord, and entrusted him to Eli.
- God saw Hannah's heart, and so He blessed her and Elkanah with five more children after Samuel.
- Perhaps you too have been waiting for a breakthrough in your own life. God never loses sight of any of His children because He never stops loving you. He promises to strengthen you, as you wait and put your hope in Him (see Isaiah 40:31).

You can read more about Hannah's story in the Bible, in 1 Samuel chapters 1 and 2.

God is a good Father. So, you are loved by Him! Jesus wants to

be your Saviour. He also wants to be your Healer.

God can forgive, restore, and help you. So, if you make Jesus the

Lord of your life, good things will come from your hurt and pain.

Say this prayer for your Salvation:

Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus.

Please forgive me for my sins, as I believe Jesus died for me on

the cross.

Father, thank You for raising up Jesus from the dead.

Jesus, I ask You to come into my heart, and to be the Lord of

my life today. In the Name of Jesus, I pray, Amen.

(For reference read Romans 10:9 & 10)

A prayer for your healing:

Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I need Your

healing hand in my life. Holy Spirit, you know my story.

Please come and touch me today. I receive Your healing to

restore my soul.

In the Name of Jesus Christ. Thank You.

Amen.

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"It came about in due time, after Hannah had conceived,
that she gave birth to a son; she named him Samuel, saying,
"Because I have asked for him from the Lord."
1 Samuel 1:20

