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1 Samuel

Lesson 3 Hannah's Rejoicing

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We are going to start this lesson with the genealogy of Samuel. His lineage through Elkanah, his father, into the priesthood can be found in 1 Chronicles 6:28, 33-38 *And the sons of Samuel; the firstborn Vashni, and Abiah. 33 And these are they that waited with their children. Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman a singer, the son of Joel, the son of Shemuel, 34 The son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah, 35 The son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai, 36 The son of Elkanah (Three times Elkanah's name shows up.) the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah, 37 the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, 38 The son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.* Samuel is born into a Levite family, giving him access to the priesthood.

Also, in Hannah's vow, she prayed to God and made this statement, *"...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 1:11. This was a particular type of vow, mentioned in the Bible, whose takers voluntarily made themselves a shame, open to ridicule and rejection. Long hair on a man has always been considered as demonstrating rebellion and indifference toward God and His followers. (See 1 Corinthians 11:14-15.)

The Bible says in Numbers 6:1-2, *And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either a man or woman shall separate themselves to vow a vow of a Nazarite,...* as we see here, this vow is not gender specific. The scriptures tell us in 1 Corinthians 11:15 that a woman is supposed to have long hair. In verse 5 of Numbers 6, a specific requirement is added about the hair...*there shall no razor come upon his head...* We can liken hair growth to a vine or tree: if the ends of the vine are not trimmed or cared for, soon the whole vine falls into decay. Similarly, it is an awful sight to see a man or woman who has not cared for his or her hair.

Numbers 6:2 *Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either a man or woman shall separate themselves to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate themselves unto the LORD...* Further reading of Numbers 6:3-8 provides the details all about the requirements for the vow of a Nazarite and separation.

Samuel was to be a Nazarite from birth. Another famous Nazarite you may have read about is Samson, and quite probably John the Baptist. These

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men were set apart, not for a period of time, but for their whole life. Just a quick side note – a vow to God is a serious commitment, not to be broken, ever. (See Numbers 30:2.)

Many of us have seen pictures of Jesus having long hair. Jesus was not a Nazarite, or living in rebellion against God and in shame. Too often people say, “Well, Jesus was a Nazarite.” That is not true. The Bible says that Jesus was a Nazarene, which refers to the fact that He was brought up in the city of Nazareth. He was not a Nazarite, nor did He have long hair.

Let’s talk about Elkanah for a few minutes. He’s not a main player in the book. 1 Samuel 1:3 *And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh.* He was a good man. He kept the law and worships God as he was supposed to, bringing the correct sacrifices as He had been instructed. He was consistent. He was faithful. He was the spiritual head, the spiritual leader. And he was the provider for his household.

In 1 Samuel 1:4-5, we learn, *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...* We see here that this man did not worship alone, he led his whole household in worship as well. Whatever they needed for the worship of God, Elkanah provided. In verse 8, when Hannah continued to weep, Elkanah did his very best to comfort her. He was a kind, gentle, and decent man.

Drop down to verse 23, *And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good;* Elkanah knew that his wife was a wise woman and would make the correct decision when face with a crisis. That sounds strange to an “I rule this household” type of husband who has forgotten that God gave his wife a brain too. Did you know that if your wife is saved, she has a relationship with God, just as you do. Elkanah said, “Hannah, you’ve prayed, you’ve sought God. If you feel God leading you in the direction to be a stay at home wife till the child is weaned, Hannah, you go right ahead.”

The Head of the church, the Lord Jesus Christ, does not force, compel, or make His bride do anything. By His virtue, goodness, grace, blessings, and benefits, He shows Himself to be such that His bride willingly wants to follow. God gave your wife a brain. Let her use it. God gave her some spirituality. Let her walk with the Lord. Amen, Amen.

Elkanah said, *“Do what seemeth to thee good;”*. Elkanah also said this, *“...tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word.”* Do you

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know what Elkanah wanted, what was the most important to him? That the word of God be established. We need more Christian men like him; it is no wonder Samuel turned out like he did. With a momma like Hannah and a daddy like Elkanah, whose preference in life was that God's word would be established. That is a good man.

You will not find a finer piece of worship than that which is found in 1 Samuel 2:1-10. Hannah is entirely occupied with praising the Lord. You know, so many times, we ask God for things with great fervor. We really mean business when we want something. But, then when we receive what we have asked for, we're a little cold; we fail to offer our thanks as quickly and as fervently as we offered our requests. Not so with Hannah. Her song of thanksgiving is one beautiful piece of literature. It came from her heart. *And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD,* (He had replaced her tears with joy.) *mine horn is exalted in the LORD:* (That is the strength of her soul. She has gone from groanings which could not be uttered to strength.) *my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies;* (She had an adversary, but God gave her something with which to put to silence all the reproachful utterances of that adversary.) *because I rejoice in thy salvation.* (She had been saved out of all her troubles by the grace of God.)

Verse 2. She said, *There is none holy as the LORD:* (There is nobody that measures up to God. There is no one equal to Him in holiness, perfection, beauty, or righteousness.) And she said, *for there is none beside thee:* (She is saying that no one can compare to God.) *neither is there any rock like our God.* (A rock of refuge, a sure foundation, a stone cut out without hands to destroy the kingdoms of this world. This is God she is speaking of. He is getting all the praise and the glory.) Verse 3, *Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD...*(Think about the smartest, strongest, richest, most widely admired person on this planet. They do not even come close to the LORD.) Glory to His name!!! Verse 3 cont. *...is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. 4 The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. 5 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble.* Listen. The beginning is not always the end. The way things are today is not necessarily the way they will be tomorrow. God has a plan and a purpose for this earth, and He's not finished yet. There will be a lot of changes made before God gets through. I can guarantee you that.

She went on to say in verse 6, *The LORD killeth...*You would not know this unless you believed the Bible. *The LORD killeth...*He sent the flood; He

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sent the fire on Sodom and Gomorrah; He opened the earth and swallowed up Korah and his family and friends. That was God! God does those things. *...and maketh alive:* It was God who brought Joseph up out of that prison. It was God who brought Jairus' daughter back to life. It was God who raised Eutychus from the dead. It was God who called Lazarus out of the tomb...*he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.*

Now watch the prophetic insight here that Hannah had. Watch as she laid out the future of God's dealings on planet earth. *7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. 8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,* (There is the resurrection.) *and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill,* (There is the tribulation saint that made it through.) *to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory:* (That is David's throne when Christ sits on earth, the throne of glory.) *for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them.* Remember back in our study of Genesis 3, we learned that the earth is the physical planet that God created. The world, on the other hand, is the system of evil which was introduced by Satan that exists on the planet. The earth and the world are not the same.

Verse 9. *He will keep the feet of his saints,* (Here is Eternal Security in the Old Testament.) *He will keep the feet of His saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness;* (Outer darkness...There is the future. No one will hear the cry of the wicked.) *for by strength shall no man prevail.* (Your own strength is useless in God's realm.)

Verse 10. *The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces;* (There is second coming.) *out of heaven shall he thunder upon them:* (Second Advent, Revelation 1:7; Revelation 19:11.) *the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth;* (Judgment of nations, Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:3.) *and he shall give strength unto his king,* (Jesus Christ seated on His throne in glory, Matthew 19:28; Revelation 5:13 David's throne in Jerusalem *and exalt the horn of his anointed.* (2 Samuel 22:3; Psalm 18:2; Luke 1:69 (The LORD is my Rock, the Lord Jesus Christ lifted up to rule and reign for a thousand years. (Revelation 20:6.)

Notes

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Name _____

(*) if asterisk is shown in question, scripture is required along with answer in your own words.

1. Explain the difference between the Earth and the world. *
2. Why is Elkanah considered a good man? *
3. What allowed Samuel to become a priest for God? *
4. What is the main reason why Jesus was not a Nazarite? *
5. What did Elkanah recognize in Hannah that most men overlook in their wives today? *
6. What can we learn about prayer from Hannah?
7. Give some proof as to the first 3 words in this verse ***The LORD killeth.***
8. What does Hannah's prayer teach us about eternal security? *
9. Explain 1 Corinthians 11:14-15 for both men and women?
 - a. Men

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b. Women

10. What can Elkanah teach us about the Lord Jesus Christ? *

11. What is God's position on making a vow? *

12. What did Hannah compare to the Lord? *

True/false

- Neither is there any rock like our God. *
- Hell is in your mind.
- Hannah praised the Lord abundantly.
- Hannah's prayer is prophetic insight.



Scripture memorization

Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)

1 Samuel 2:2; Revelation 5:13; Number 30:2

any questions?