

"Motherhood Essence Of Womanhood"

1 Samuel 1:1-28

Mother's Day, May 11, 2025

1 Samuel 1:1-2, 5-6, 10-11, 20, 27-28

Rachel Genesis 30:1 "Give me children, or I'll die!"

A Woman Was Designed Physically to Nurture:

Give birth and nurture.

A Woman was Designed Internally to Nurture:

I believe that "Motherhood is the Essence of Womanhood"

Thought Of The Passage: "God Often Uses Pain, Which Then Drives Us To Prayer, Resulting In God's Will Becoming Our Will."

1. Verses 1-8 Mother's Pain:

2. Verses 9-18 Mother's Prayer:

3. Verses 19-28 Mother's Promise:

1. Verses 1-8 Mother's Pain:

1 Samuel 1:1 Ramathaim-zophim from the hill country of Ephraim,
(Ramah) This was 15 miles North of Jerusalem.

Elkanah - "*God has created*"

1 Samuel 1:2 He had two wives:

The man was a polygamist. God never blessed polygamy.

Hannah - "*gracious, grace, or favor*" (This suited her!)

Peninnah - "*jewel*" (This did not suit her!)

Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

A Hebrew woman who was barren was considered to be under a curse from God

Hannah was part of an exclusive group of women of faith who battled barrenness

Sarah (Abraham's wife), **Rebekah** (Isaac's wife), **Rachel** (Jacob's wife),

Wife of **Manoah** – (became mother of Samson),

Elizabeth (John the Baptist's mother)

Children Are A Gift From God: Psalm 127:3-5

The Unpleasantness of Mother's Day:

Hannah would have thought Mother's Day was just a big rip-off, overrated!

1 Samuel 1:3 yearly to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts
Day of Atonement – “Yom Kippur”

The time when the sins of the previous year were dealt with by the Lord.

Importance Of Worshipping Mothers and Fathers.

In Shiloh – (20 miles away)

The location of the Ark when Joshua conquered the land of Canaan.

The Ark remained in Shiloh. **Joshua 18:1; Judges 21:19**

And the two sons of Eli, Hophni “brawl” and Phinehas “mouth of brass” were priests to the LORD there.

1 Samuel 2, These boys were corrupt. **Judges 21:25**

This mother-to-be lived in turbulent times in Israel's history.

1 Samuel 1:4-5 This “double” portion literally means, “to show the face”
He showed his face to her, indicating that she was worthy and that he cared deeply for her, **for he loved Hannah,**

but the LORD had closed her womb.

The reason for barrenness was the Lord.

1 Samuel 1:6 Her rival,

We all, at one time, will have a rival! **Peninnah** was her rival because of jealousy. **Elkanah** loved Hannah more so because of her pain. She became Peninnah’s rival.

would provoke her bitterly to irritate her,

The word “**provoke**” literally means, “to cause her thunder”

“**irritate**” refers to being “stirred up inwardly”

the LORD had closed her womb.

Verse 5 but the LORD had closed her womb.

Hannah’s barrenness was from the Lord.

Job 2:10; Ecclesiastes 7:14

1 Samuel 1:7 It happened year after year,

so she wept and would not eat.

This pain took away her desire to eat!

1 Samuel 1:8 The Attack Of Misunderstanding -

Note Three Questions:

(1) why do you weep?
(2) why do you not eat?
(3) why is your heart sad?
Am I not better to you than ten sons?" (Answer "NO!")

2. Verses 9-18 Mother's Prayer:

1 Samuel 1:9-10

A Mark of true spirituality is to be greatly distressed over the lack of fruitfulness in our lives. Psalm 119:71

1 Samuel 1:11 She made a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, (This is what God wanted, this, boy Samuel surrendered to God. Now Hannah will have her Samuel.)

Children don't belong to the parents; they belong to the Lord.

Hannah's Devotion Was Misunderstood - 1 Samuel 1:12-14

Maybe if Eli had been watching in prayer instead of watching others pray, he might not have falsely accused Hannah. (Eli was wrong)

1 Samuel 1:15-16 Hannah's **barrenness, hassled by Peninnah**, is now being **accused of being drunk** by the High Priest

1 Samuel 1:17-18 and her face was no longer sad.

1 Peter 5:7 casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.

3. Verses 19-28 Mother's Promise:

1 Samuel 1:19

arose early in the morning and worshipped before the LORD, and returned again to their house

Prayer and Worship should be part of our journey.

1 Samuel 1:20 And it came about in due time, after Hannah had conceived, God is so good! **Psalm 113:9**

Samuel, "heard of the Lord, God hears" saying, "Because I have asked him of the LORD."

1 Samuel 1:21-22 until the child is weaned;

This is generally believed to be 3-6 years

then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD and stay there forever."

1 Samuel 1:23

Mothers who are detained from public worship, by the nursing and tending of little children, may take comfort from this passage.

1 Samuel 1:24 brought him to the house of the LORD in Shiloh, although the child was young.

Many people make promises to God, only to forget them as time passes. Not so with Hannah.

Little children should be taught to worship God when very young.

1 Samuel 1:25-27

1 John 5:15

1 Samuel 1:28 dedicated him to the LORD;

She repeated this **twice** as if to cement her commitment.

1 Samuel 2:19

Mother's One Of The Most Difficult Tasks Is Letting Go:

That's the kind of love that Hannah had for Samuel. She was willing to sacrifice her desires for God's will.

The greatness of Samuel reflects the greatness of his mother.

**1 Samuel 2:21 gave birth to three sons and two daughters.
And the boy Samuel grew before the LORD.**

Application:

1. Mother's - God Allowed A Period Of Barrenness In Hannah's Life In Order To Bring About A Greater Blessing Than She Could Imagine: *Let those times of barrenness stir up hunger. Let it mold us into the people that God has destined us to be.*
2. Mother's - Take Your Sorrows To The Lord In Prayer: *Your husband can't meet it. Your children or friends can't meet it. Only Jesus can.*
3. Mother's - Make Your Devotion To The Lord First Priority: *Not spouse or children.*