

## *A Sermon Outline By Elza Lamb*

# "A MOTHERS PATHWAY TO PRAYER"

Samuel 1:8-28; 2:1-26

Hanna was a Very **SPECIAL LADY**

Hanna was the **MOTHER OF SAMUEL**.... "SAMUEL" = "*Heard Of God*".

*Four Things Which Caused Hanna to Pray.*

## **I. SHE WAS A WOMAN WITH A BARREN WOMB.**

1 Sam 1:1 Elkanah

1 Sam 1:2 Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

### **(A). HANNAH HAD NO CHILDREN:**

1 Sam 1:2 Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

.II Tim 2:5. She shall be **SAVED** in **CHILDBEARING**.... "*Fulfillment - usefulness*"

### **WOMEN HAVE ALWAYS WANTED CHILDREN:**

**SARAI** = Gen 16:1 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.

**RACHEL** = Gen 30:1 And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.

**REBEKAH** = Gen 25:20-21 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter..... And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived

**JANIE** = (*My daughter Janie was 33 years old with no child, but she had a little dog named Peanut... She prayed God would give her a Child..... Clay whom the Lord gave her, was a little baby boy was two months old when she*

*wrote this letter.*) April 29, 1995. It's two days before your two months Birthday; you have been asleep for a long time, all day and all night. I check on you often, and feed you – I also clipped your finger nails today which I can only do while you sleep. I love you more every day. You are so tiny-yet a good size for your age. I want to savor every moment of your beautiful face, you're like a little Angel, and I don't know if a camera could capture the beauty and sweetness that I see. The sounds that you make when you talk, eat or even cry are so precious. I look forward to watching you grow – and at the same time, I treasure the moment with you. I had a little dog named peanut, that I loved so much – he was hit by a car and went to heaven while you were in mommy's belly, my heart was so broken – Peanut and I would lay together and hold a musical toy that played, "you are my sunshine," next to my belly so you could hear, I couldn't listen to that song after Peanut died – but now I can and be happy because you have brought that Sun-Shine back into my heart. Love Mom

## (A). HANNAH HAD NO CROWN

1 Sam 1:5 ..... *"For he loved Hannah,"*

Eph 5: *"Husbands Love Your WIVES".....*

Vr. #5..... *"He Gave Her A WORTHY PORTION;"*

1. Even though Elkanah Loved Hannah With all **HIS HEART SHE COULD NOT GIVE THAT WHICH WOULD BE A CROWN TO HIM:**

Prov. 17:6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

Prov 31:28. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Matt 19:14. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

## II. SHE WAS A WOMAN WITH A BROKEN HEART. (Barren, broken heart)

1 Sam 1:6-8. And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make **her fret**, because the LORD had **shut up her womb**. And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so **she provoked her**; therefore she wept, and did not eat. Then said Elkanah her husband to her, **Hannah**, why **weepest thou?** And **why eatest thou not?** And why is thy **heart gRIEVED?** = (broken heart) are not I better to thee than ten sons?

## (A). HANNA HAD A LOVE FOR GOD'S BEST. (*The Best for a Woman Is a Child*)

1 Sam 1:11.... **"GIVE UNTO THINE HANDMAID A MAN CHILD"**,

Psa. 127:3 Children are a **HERITAGE** from the LORD. (*"A blessing from God"*)

**(3,000 BABIES KILLED EVERY HOUR OF EVERY WORK DAY)**

## (B). HUSBANDS CANNOT TAKE THE PLACE OF A BABY.

1 Sam 1:8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? And why eatest thou not? And why is thy heart grieved? Am not I better to thee than ten sons?

Eph 5:25. Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Col 3:19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

### III. SHE WAS A WOMAN WITH A BOWED HEAD. (Barren, broken, bowed)

1 Sam 1:10. And she was in **bitterness of soul**, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore

1 Sam 1:14 And Eli said unto her, how long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

1 Sam 1:15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a **sorrowful SPIRIT** :=( *a broken heart*) I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

1 Sam 1:12. And it came to pass, as she **CONTINUED PRAYING before the LORD**,

“**CONTINUED PRAYING**” ..... **CHILDREN ... are not some WHIM ... some ACCIDENT.**

### IV. SHE WAS A WOMAN WITH A BLESSED LIFE.

1 Sam 1:11. And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and **NOT FORGET THINE HANDMAID**, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then **I WILL GIVE HIM UNTO THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF HIS LIFE**, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

#### **(a). HER SON.**

Read Verse #19-28; 2:11, 18-20, 26 The Lord Honors Hannah's request, and gives birth to Samuel. She dedicates Samuel to the Lord and leaves him at the Tabernacle after he is weaned. She visits Him yearly, making a coat for him each year and watching him grow.

#### **(b). HER SONG.**

Read I Sam. 2:1-11. In this remarkable prayer, Hanna praises the Lord for his **HOLINESS**, His **OMNISCIENCE**, His **SOVEREIGNTY**, His **COMPASSION**, and His **JUSTICE**.

1 Sam 2:1-10. And Hannah prayed, and said, my heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God. Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. 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. The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

