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1 Samuel 1:1-28 There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. (2) He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. (3) Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the LORD. (4) On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. (5) But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. (6) And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. (7) So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. (8) And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" (9) After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. (10) She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. (11) And she vowed a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head." (12) As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. (13) Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. (14) And Eli said to her, "How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you." (15) But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. (16) Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation." (17) Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel

grant your petition that you have made to him.” (18) And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad. (19) They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. (20) And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, “I have asked for him from the LORD.” (21) The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. (22) But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever.” (23) Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. (24) And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. (25) Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. (26) And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. (27) For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. (28) Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.” And he worshiped the LORD there.

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1 Samuel 2:1-11 And Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. (2) “There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. (3) Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. (4) The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. (5) Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. (6) The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. (7) The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. (8) He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and

on them he has set the world. (9) “He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. (10) The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.” (11) Then Elkanah went home to Ramah. And the boy was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli the priest.

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1 Samuel 2:18-21 Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy clothed with a linen ephod. (19) And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. (20) Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD give you children by this woman for the petition she asked of the LORD.” So then they would return to their home. (21) Indeed the LORD visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew in the presence of the LORD.

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Notes

Hannah means gracefulness.

Hannah was loved

She was loved by a man who wanted to completely satisfy her, better than “10 sons”.

She worshipped God

She worshipped God with great support from Elkanah, her husband.

But Hannah was not able to have children. The Lord had closed her womb.

Peninnah, the other wife, became a tormenter to her. P had children and with it, social recognition. She used that against Hannah.

- Pulpit Commentary: “*Peninnah, triumphant in her fruitfulness, is yet Hannah’s adversary, because, in spite of her barrenness, she has the larger portion of the husband’s love; while Hannah is so sorely vexed at the taunts of her rival, that she weeps from sheer vexation*”

Every year Elkanah and his two wives came Shiloh to worship at the

tabernacle. Every year, P tormented Hannah. It got to the point that

Hannah would continually cry and not eat. Elkanah try to support her, but unsuccessfully.

- *Pulpit Commentary: “the words simply mean that Hannah took part in the sacrificial banquet, though she did so without appetite or pleasure; and thus they connect her visit to the temple and her prayer with the most solemn religious service of the year. To take part in this banquet was a duty, but as soon as she had fulfilled it she withdrew to the temple to pour out her grief before God.” “Kneeling down in the inner court, but within sight of Eli, whose throne in the porch probably overlooked the whole inner space, Hannah prays unto “Jehovah of Sabaoth” for a male child. Her humility appears in her thrice calling herself Jehovah’s handmaid; her earnestness in the threefold repetition of the entreaty that Jehovah would look on her, and remember her, and not forget her. With her prayer she also makes a twofold vow in case her request is granted. The son given her is, first, to serve not for a stipulated number of years, as was the law with the Levites (Num 4:3), but for life; and, secondly, he is to be a Nazarite.”*

On the day before they sacrificed, Hannah ate and drank, then went to the tabernacle very distressed. Eli, the High Priest, was sitting nearby and watched her. She prayed and wept bitterly.

- *Pulpit Commentary: “Hannah’s prayer was long and earnest, but in silence. She spake not in, but “to her heart,” to herself. It was an inward supplication, which only her own heart and God heard. Eli watched, and was displeased.”*
- *P.C.: “Eli, as he marked the quivering lips, the prostrate form, the face flushed with earnestness, came to the coarse conclusion that she was drunken, and with equal coarseness bids her “put away her wine from her,” that is, go and sleep off the effects of her debauch. Hannah answers indignantly, “No, my lord.” She is “a woman hard of spirit;”, heavy hearted, as we should say, and she had been lightening her heart by pouring out her troubles before Jehovah.”*

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She made a vow to God that if he would give her a son, she would give that son to God’s service. She was praying so intensely that her mouth was moving but no sound was coming out. Eli thought she was drunk, and attempted to shame her back from drunkenness. But she explained her efforts to petition God to Eli. He gave her his blessings.

- *Preacher’s Homiletical: “This vow contained two distinct points—(1) That she would dedicate her son to the Lord in a life-long service,*

while as a Levite he was only bound from the age of 20 to 50 (Num 8:24-25), and (2) that “no razor should come upon his head,” by which he was set apart as a Nazarite for the whole of his life.”

- Jamieson-Fausset-Brown: “Here is a specimen of the intense desire that reigned in the bosoms of the Hebrew women for children. This was the burden of Hannah’s prayer; and the strong preference she expressed for a male child originated in her purpose of dedicating him to the tabernacle service.”
- Albert Barnes: “See 1Sa 1:2 and note. She means that wine was not the cause of her present discomposure, but grief of heart.”

After receiving the blessing of the H.Priest, she went home no longer sad.

- P.C.: “Convinced by the modesty and earnestness of her answer, Eli retracts his accusation, gives her his blessing, and prays that her petition may be granted. And Hannah, comforted by such words spoken by the high priest (Joh 11:51), returned to the sacrificial feast, which apparently was not yet finished, and joined in it, for “she did eat, and her countenance was to her no more,” that is, the grieved and depressed look which she had so long borne had now departed from her.”

The next day she worshipped God and returned home.

After she got home she eventually became pregnant and was given a son by God, who had remembered her. His name was Samuel.

- Pulpit Commentary: “Hannah saw in Samuel, whom she had asked of God, a living proof that she had been heard by him.”

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After she had weaned Samuel, they returned to the tabernacle and Eli. She delivered on her vow to God. She turned him over to God. He would spend many years in God’s service.

- P.C.: “Hannah remained at home, purposing to wait there till her son was old enough to be given to the Lord. This followed soon after his weaning, which in the East is delayed much longer than with us. In 2 Macc. 7:27 we find three years mentioned as the usual period of lactation, but the chief Jewish authorities make the time one year shorter. At three years old a child in the East would cease to be troublesome;”
- Preacher’s Homiletical: “Hebrew mothers were accustomed to suckle their children for three years.... “A child three years old is not

troublesome in the East, and his nurture and education could be committed to the women that served at the door of the Tabernacle.”

But every year she would continue to make him clothes and give them to Samuel.

- *P.C.: “The coat, meil, was worn by priests (Le 1Sa 8:7), by kings and their sons (1Sa 18:4), by prophets (ibid. 1Sa 28:14), and even by women (2Sa 13:18). It was an under garment of wool, woven throughout without seam, with holes for the head and arms, and reaching nearly to the ground:”*
- *P.C.: “...the meal was the ordinary dress of all classes of people, it was made for Samuel at home, and can have no special meaning; but the ephod shows that he was brought up in the daffy practice of holy duties. This annual present, however, of clothing made by the mother’s hands proves that the dedication of her son to God was not allowed to interfere with home affections, and both parents and child must have looked forward with joy to happy meetings at each recurrence of the family visit to the sanctuary.”*

The text says she lent him to the Lord all his life.

She spent a great deal of time giving praise to God for his blessing her with Samuel.

Samuel ministered to the Lord even as a young child.

Every year she would bring him a new robe.

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Script

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But reaching the high plateau of being GREAT requires both dedication and some powerful qualities. Hannah had both. And every mother can have her qualities. Let's see what they are.

Intro

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An Israelite man named Elkanah had two wives. One was called Peninnah (PaNEE'Nah). She had children. The other was Hannah, was loved greatly by Elkanah, but she did not have children.

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Hannah's first quality is that she was worshipful. It says in 1 Sam 1:7 "So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her." She knew God well. SHE went year after year, even though she was not required to do it. SHE worshipped. SHE made a sacrifice for her sins. Even before she gave birth to the future prophet and judge, Samuel, she knew God as supreme, powerful, MERCIFUL and KIND.

Mothers, grandmothers, if you are wanting THE BEST for your children, get to know God. Make him the highest priority in your life and your children's foundation can come. If you need help getting this done, get in touch with us. I will tell you how at the end.

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Did you see the 2nd great quality?

Great mothers like Hannah, bring their problems to God.

Great mothers can be deeply distressed with social disgrace or health problems. But great moms get on their knees. They humble themselves before God. They allow him to give the best possible answer.

Ladies, and men, there is nothing wrong with crying bitterly before God. He is our answer to every question, every problem, every situation.

And great mothers remember Rom. 8.26 "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."

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THEY KEEP THEIR WORD, THEIR PROMISES. We might say, Her word is her bond. Great mothers do what they say they will do. If they make promises, they keep them. Period.

What effect will "keeping your word" have on your children? Will they be influenced to "keep their word", too. And great moms not only keep their own word, but enforce their children's promises and statements. If the kids promise to take care of the pet, great moms make sure they do. They want their children to learn the same quality.

The qualities of a GREAT mother are:

1. Being worshipful
2. Bringing their problems to God
3. Keeping their promises

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