# "HANNAH: A Woman Who Kept Her Vow to God"

**I Samuel 1 & 2**
7/28/10



INTRODUCTION: 1:1-5

**I. Hannah was _____ in her problems**

A. Though provoked, Hannah did not strike back at her oppressor (v. 6-7)

B. Though grieved, Hannah took her problem to God (v. 10-11)

Characteristics of Hannah's request; Hannah's prayer reflected:

1. _____ to God's Will
("If thou wilt" - v. 11a)

2. _____ upon God's power
("Look...remember...wilt give" - v. 11b)

3. _____ for God's glory
("I will give him..." - v. 11c)

a. She promised her son would be dedicated for his whole life
(an irretrievable gift)

b. She promised her son would be dedicated totally
(a complete gift)

4. _____ after God's heart
(v. 12-16)

5. _____ in God's promise
(v. 17-19)

**II. Hannah was _____ to her promise (v. 20-28)**

A. Hannah was faithful to not forget the One who had blessed her (v. 20)

B. Hannah was faithful to train up her young child to serve God (v. 22; 2:11)

C. Hannah was faithful to give Samuel to God as she had vowed (v. 24-28)



1. She did not _____ in keeping her promise (v. 24)
2. She did not _____ keeping her promise (v. 25-27)
3. She did not _____ on keeping her promise (v. 28)

**III. Hannah was THANKFUL for God's goodness (2:1-10)**

A. Hannah praises God's _____ (v. 1)

B. Hannah praises God's _____ (v. 2)

C. Hannah praises God's _____ (v. 3)

D. Hannah praises God's _____ (v. 4-5)

E. Hannah praises God's _____ (v. 6-10)



1. She realizes that God controls man's _____ (v. 6)
2. She realizes that God controls man's _____ (v. 7)
3. She realizes that God controls man's _____ (v. 8)
4. She realizes that God controls man's _____ (v. 9)
5. She realizes that God controls man's _____ (v. 10)

CONCLUSION:

Hannah's loyalty to her promise resulted in God's blessing (2:18-21).

God always gives back to us much more than we ever give to Him!

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You must keep your vows!

Num. 30:2 - "If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth."

Deut. 23:21, 23- When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. . . That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; even a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth."

Eccl. 5:4-6- When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?"

**I. Hannah was PRAYERFUL in her problems**

A. Though provoked, Hannah did not strike back at her oppressor (v. 6-7)

B. Though grieved, Hannah took her problem to God (v. 10-11)

Characteristics of Hannah's request; Hannah's prayer reflected:

1. Submissiveness to God's Will ("If Thou wilt" - v. 11a)
(Submissive prayer)

2. Dependance upon God's power ("Look...remember...wilt give" - v. 11b)
(Dependent prayer)

3. Dedication for God's glory ("I will give him..." - v. 11c)
(Dedicated prayer)

God can always trust His own children with gifts when they are willing to give them back to Him.

a. She promised her son would be dedicated for his whole life
(an irretrievable gift)

b. She promised her son would be dedicated totally
(a complete gift)

SEE: Numbers 6:1-8. The Nazarite Vow involved:

3 marks of consecration -

1. Separation from wine (v. 3-4)

2. No cutting of hair (v. 5)

Long hair would symbolize his vow to absolute submission to GOD - I Cor. 11)

3. No touching a dead corpse (v. 6-8)

Life-long Nazarite Vows: Examples –

--Samson (Jud. 13:4-5)
--Samuel (I Sam. 1:11)
--John the Baptist (Lk. 1:15)

NOTE: All of the mothers were barren (Manoah's wife - Jud. 13:3; Hannah - I Sam. 1:5; Elizabeth - Lk. 1:7)

4. Earnestness after God's heart (v. 12-16)
(Fervent prayer)

5. Belief in God's promise (v. 17-19)
(Believing prayer)

**II. Hannah was FAITHFUL to her promise (v. 20-28)**

A. Hannah was faithful to not forget the One who had blessed her (v. 20)

B. Hannah was faithful to train up her young child to serve God (v. 22; 2:11)

It is never too early to begin the spiritual training of our children.

C. Hannah was faithful to give Samuel to God as she had vowed (v. 24-28)

1. She did not delay in keeping her promise (v. 24)

"When she had weaned him...although the child was young" - Hannah promised God that she would give him "to the Lord all the days of his life" and as soon as was feasible she kept her promise.

2. She did not regret keeping her promise (v. 25-27)

All that Hannah gave to God, were FIRST His gifts to her.

3. She did not renege on keeping her promise (v. 28)

"Renege" = to go back on one's word; to default, back out, back down, "cop out," "weasel out," retract, "change one's tune," etc.

Compare her promise (v. 11b) to her fulfillment (v. 28).

**III. Hannah was <u>THANKFUL</u> for God's goodness (2:1-10)**

A. Hannah praises God's <u>might</u> (v. 1)

B. Hannah praises God's <u>holiness</u> (v. 2)

C. Hannah praises God's <u>knowledge</u> (v. 3)

D. Hannah praises God's <u>compassion</u> (v. 4-5)

E. Hannah praises God's <u>sovereignty</u> (v. 6-10)

1. She realizes that God controls man's <u>life</u> (v. 6)

2. She realizes that God controls man's <u>wealth</u> (v. 7)

3. She realizes that God controls man's <u>exaltation</u> (v. 8)

4. She realizes that God controls man's <u>security</u> (v. 9)

5. She realizes that God controls man's <u>future</u> (v. 10)

CONCLUSION:

Hannah's <u>loyalty</u> to her promise resulted in God's blessing (2:18-21).

God always <u>gives back</u> to us <u>much more</u> than we ever give to Him!