1 Samuel 1-2

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INTRODUCTION

- So he's a Levite, living in the territory of Ephraim.
- Elkanah means the man whom God has bought or acquired. Very fitting.

1 They Served God When It Wasn't Easy

1 Samuel 1:1–8

- And this man went up from his city yearly to worship and sacrifice to the Lord of hosts in Shiloh.
- One thing we know about Elkanah and Hannah, they went and served God when it wasn't easy. When it wasn't convenient. They were dedicated to the service of God.
- Every time she comes, she's reminded she doesn't have any children. And the other wife does. So there's personal adversity. That doesn't keep her from doing what she knows is right.

2 Hannah Was Willing to Give Her Child to the Lord

1 Samuel 1:9–11

- God can use you and I based upon what we're willing to do. We know what Hannah was willing to do. She was willing to give her child to the Lord.
- It's one thing to trust God, but now she's going to entrust her son to the high priest who tolerates this wickedness.
- Then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.
- The thing that she wants so much to have, she's willing to give it away.

3 Hannah Shows Respect for Eli

1 Samuel 1:12–20; 1 Peter 2:17

- The high priest is the Lord's anointed. She shows respect for him. Even though he has failed in his job and he stands to be judged for it.
- God says, honor the king. Well, we don't have a king, but we have a president. Honor the authorities that be. Whether they deserve it or not.
- She knows the law. She's following the law. She knows how to serve God and she's doing it.
- Because the Lord had heard her prayer and answered it, she named him Samuel literally, heard by God.

4 Hannah's Prayer

1 Samuel 1:24–28

- Therefore I have lent him to the Lord as long as he lives, he shall be lent to the Lord.
- Those that appear to be strong, if they're not with the Lord, they're cast down.

- It seems evident to me that she has in mind this struggle between good and evil that's going on in the priesthood.
- She's the kind of person that says, This is what's important to God. That's what's going to be important to me. That's a follower of God.

5 The Sons of Eli Were Corrupt

Jeremiah 18

- Now the sons of Eli were corrupt. They did not know the Lord.
- Therefore, the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord, for men abhorred the offering of the Lord.
- They have rejected the judgment of God and therefore they have hardened themselves.
- Hannah is a God fearing woman. And yet she was bitter because of her circumstance. But God was preparing her for service in a unique way.

6 Those Who Honor Me I Will Honor

1 Kings 2:27; Psalm 78:60; Jeremiah 7:12–14

- For those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed.
- Solomon removed Abiathar from being priest of the Lord that he might fulfill the word of the Lord which he spoke concerning the house of Eli at Shiloh.
- Go to my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it, because of the wickedness of my people Israel.
- But when they prefer their children over God, they have sinned. And that's what God charged them with.

MY NOTES