

CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023
PRAYING WITH PURPOSE – I SAMUEL CHAPTER 1

A desperate woman seeking an answer through prayer.

1. Who is praying?

- Hannah is praying: I Samuel 1:10 NIV
 - ✓ *“In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly”.*

2. What was the purpose of the prayer?

- To petition the Lord to open her womb and allow conception of a man child.
- I Samuel 1:1-7 NIV
 - ✓ Hannah was married to a man named Elkanah (vs 1).
 - ✓ Elkanah had two wives: Hannah and Peninnah (vs 2).
 - ✓ Peninnah had children (vs 2): sons and daughters (vs 4). But Hannah had none (vs 2).
 - ✓ Hannah’s womb was closed and her rival (Peninnah) kept provoking her in order to irritate her (vs. 6).
 - ✓ Peninnah provoked Hannah year after year until Hannah wept and would not eat (vs 7).
- Psalm 127:3-5a KJV *“Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward”. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:*
- Genesis 1:28 KJV *“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it:”*

3. Where is the location?

- From the hill country of Ephraim: I Samuel 1:1 NIV
 - ✓ Ephraim is Jacob’s grandson from his son, Joseph. Joseph is part of the 12 sons of Jacob. However, he is not one of the 12 tribes. His sons were blessed with the honor to be part of a tribe.
 - ✓ Ephraim was ½ tribe and his brother Manasseh was ½ tribe.
- Shiloh. A place located a little northeast of the center of Ephraim.
- I Samuel 1:9 NIV
 - ✓ *“Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up”*
- I Samuel 1:24b NIV
 - ✓ *“and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh.”*

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4. Where is the prayer found in Scripture?

- I Samuel 1:11a KJV
 - ✓ *“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”.*

5. Did God answer the prayer? Where is the answer response found in Scripture?

- Yes
- I Samuel 1:17 KJV
 - “Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him”.*
- I Samuel 1:20 NIV
 - “So in the course of time **Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son**. She named him Samuel,^[b] saying, “Because I asked the LORD for him.”*
- I Samuel 1:27 NIV
 - I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him.*

6. What evidence reflects the woman believed the prayer was answered?

- I Samuel 1:18 KJV
 - “And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad”.*
- ❖ *Before Eli in I Samuel 1:17*
 - ✓ *Hannah’s husband Elkanah in I Samuel 1:8 stated “Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?”*
 - ✓ I Samuel 1:9a *“And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore”.*

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7. What promises did the woman make to God? Did the woman make good on the promise?
- I Samuel 1:11b KJV
 - ✓ “then **I will give him unto the LORD all the days** of his life, and there shall **no razor come upon his head**”.
 - Yes, the woman made good on the promise: I Samuel 1:24-28 NIV
 - ✓ “After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, **young as he was**, along with a three-year-old bull,^[e] an ephah^[f] of flour and a skin of wine, and **brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh** (vs 24a). When the bull had been sacrificed, **they brought the boy to Eli** (vs 25). And she said to him, “Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, **I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD** (vs 26). **I prayed for this child**, and **the LORD has granted me what I asked of him** (vs 27). **So now I give him to the LORD**. For **his whole life he will be given over to the LORD**.” And he worshiped the LORD there (vs 28).
 - ✓ No specific Scripture found in the Bible of any evidence that Samuel’s hair was ever cut. A Nazarite is distinguished by uncut hair and his abstinence from wine. Samson a Nazarite in **Judges 13:5** “*For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.*”
8. Did God bless the woman beyond the initial prayer request? If so, where is the evidence of Scripture found to reflect the blessing?
- Yes
 - I Samuel 2:21 KJV
 - ✓ *And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare **three sons and two daughters**. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.*