

# The Ministry of Hannah

## *1 Samuel 1*

While we're navigating our way to various people and their ministries for God, Samuel is a special person for what he could do for the Lord. We're only studying a brief portion of Samuel's ministry but this part will cover his mother and what we can learn from her ministry for God.

1.) What was Hannah's relationship with her husband and the other wife Peninnah?

**1 Samuel 1:1-8**

2.) Samuel's start was very special. What was the prayer that his mother, Hannah, prayed to God?

**1 Samuel 1:9-11**

3.) How did Eli, the priest perceive Hannah's behavior?

**1 Samuel 1:12-18**

4.) Can we have the wrong view in regards to someone's behavior or actions? What are ways that we can damage someone if we judge someone incorrectly?

5.) In response to Hannah's prayer what did God do for her?

**1 Samuel 1:19-20**

6.) Samuel's name possibly means requested by God or heard by God. Giving her son this name, what was Hannah trying to say to the Lord and her community?

7.) What was Hannah's plan when it came to the yearly sacrifice?

**1 Samuel 1:21-22**

8.) How did Elkanah, Hannah's husband, support her decision?

**1 Samuel 1:23**

9.) Why is it important to surround yourself with people who support your decision to do God's work?

10.) What did Hannah do to honor her vow to God?

**1 Samuel 1:24-28**

11.) What can we learn from Hannah in making promises to God and how we should honor the ones that we make to the Lord?

12.) At the start of 1 Samuel 2, Hannah's prayer is one of rejoicing for what God gave her. What is one thing you can learn from this prayer of praise?

**1 Samuel 2:1-12**

13.) Hannah literally had a son to be a use for God. What skills, talents, or things can you give to the Lord for His purpose?

Hannah's objective was clear. She desired to have a child for the Lord. Period. She didn't want to be famous or have the child to grow up and become rich so she could live well. Her desire was so that through proxy of a child she could be of use to God. In response, she was blessed with many other children afterwards. Think about the reason why you desire or want certain things. What is it that moves and motivates you. Do you want it for self or is it that you want to do something for God? Not because of fame or future, but simply because you feel like that's what the Lord wants you to do.