

The River Church

50/50 Bible Study Challenge - Week 38

1 Samuel 1

Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 1:19 (NASB95): Samuel Is Born to Hannah

19 Then they arose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord and returned again to their house in Ramah. And Elkanah had relations with Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her.

Talking points:

Verse 1-7

-What did barrenness do to the status of a woman in biblical times?

-Can you name other biblical characters in the Old Testament that had the same condition as Hannah? What was the fruit of these barren woman?

-Is there significance in the answer? What would it be?

-What was the reason for Hannah not being able to conceive?

-Why do you think Peninnah would provoke her?

-Look up the verse in Proverbs that speaks of barrenness. Do you think this defines Hannah thoughts?

-Was God unjust in Hannah's womb being closed? Back your answer up biblically.

Verse 8-18

-Does God take vows made to him seriously? Answer with a bible verse.

-Where else in the Bible that the vow or command not to cut the hair? What other similarities between the two instances.

-What are some of the significant descriptions used in describing Hannah's prayer? Do these things make a prayer more significant in heaven?

-Why did Hannah feel release? Was it because of Eli's blessing or was it because she believed her prayers were heard?

-Did she pray in the will of God?

-Did God allow situations and circumstance too lead her to that prayer?

-Just because things are uncomfortable, or we don't understand, does it mean it isn't the will of God? Do you have examples in your own life that speak to this?

Verse 19-28

-In verse 19 it says the Lord remembered her. Can God forget? Back your answer up biblically.

-What was Elkanah's concern in verse 23?

-Who did Hannah credit the birth of Samuel to?

-Was Hannah a woman of her word? Would you have found it hard to honor that vow?

-What significance did you get out this chapter of 1 Samuel?