

Hannah

“From Misery to Praise – A Story of Perseverance”

Cast of Characters:

Hannah: She was married to Elkanah as was his other wife Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah was barren. She was barren in a culture that measured a woman’s worth by her children. Hannah had two choices:

- 1) Be bitter
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- 2) Continue seeking God’s help

Elkanah: Hannah’s husband

Peninnah: Elkanah’s other wife

Eli: he was the primary priest of Israel and was Samuel’s mentor

Samuel: Hannah’s son – who became a great prophet, judge and national leader

THE STORY (1 Samuel 1:1 – 2:11).

REST OF THE STORY (I Samuel 2:18-21, 2:26, 3:1-21, 4:1a, 7:6, 7:15)

Key observations and insights?

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Some Lessons (Positive Examples) from Hannah’s life:

- 1) Hannah chose seeking God’s help instead of bitterness
- 2) Hannah did not stuff her emotions/feelings
- 3) Hannah did not seek retribution against the mean Peninnah
- 4) Hannah kept her promise (vow) to the Lord
- 5) Hannah gave her most valuable possession (son Samuel) to the Lord for His work
- 6) Hannah worshipped God in both the good and tough times
- 7) Hannah had a high opinion of God and high regard for Him

Other lessons and applications to us today?