

Hannah: A Model for Motherhood
1 Samuel 1:1-8

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- I. Women of Faith Deal With Real Problems. 1 Samuel 1:1-8
 - A. It's easy to think that the heroes in the Bible were somehow different than we are.
 - B. Elkanah was devout in his walk with God and devoted to Hannah, but he had a divided family.

- II. Women of Faith Express Vibrant Prayers. 1 Samuel 1:9-18
 - A. Hannah had some problems but she expressed her faith through prayer.
 - 1. "It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees." Psalm 119:71
 - 2. "In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD. And she made a vow, saying, 'O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.'" 1 Samuel 1:10-11
 - B. It's significant that verse 12 says, "she kept on praying to the Lord."

- III. Women of Faith Keep Their Commitment. 1 Samuel 1:28, "So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD..."
 - A. After Samuel was born, Elkanah went once again to Shiloh in order to worship.
 - B. Hannah took the exhortation of Deuteronomy 6:6-7 seriously:
 - 1. "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

- IV. Women of Faith are Dedicated to Worship. 1 Samuel 2:1-2, "My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance. There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God."
 - A. There is no element of sadness here at all.
 - B. Each of us needs to be growing in our own relationship with God.