

1 SAMUEL

(Heard by God)

*A powerfully, true story with shadows & types
of the coming Prophet, Priest, & King*



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Leading up to 1 Samuel 1

2091 B.C. – God calls Abram out of Aram & promises Him a Seed

1906 B.C. – Jacob, from whom the 12 tribes come, is named Israel

1859 B.C. – Israel blesses his sons & Judah receives messianic prophecy

1446 B.C. – Moses is chosen to deliver Israel from slavery

1406 B.C. – Joshua is chosen to lead Israel to the Promised Land

1375 B.C. – The time of the judges (Deborah, Gideon, etc.) begins

1140 B.C. – The story of Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz (Jesse's grandfather)

1100 B.C. – **1 Samuel's** story begins introducing the greatest of the judges, Samuel, who was also a priest and a prophet

1 Samuel 1:1-6 (ESV) ¹ There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. ² He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

³ Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the LORD.

⁴ On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶ And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb.

If you follow Christ, do you realize you're a priest of the New Covenant?

1 Samuel 1:7-11 (NKJV) ⁷ So it was, year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, that she provoked her; therefore she wept and did not eat. ⁸ Then Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? And why is your heart grieved? *Am* I not better to you than ten sons?" ⁹ So Hannah arose after they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the tabernacle of the LORD. ¹⁰ And she *was* in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish. ¹¹

Then she made a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head."

When we cry out to the Lord, do we have hearts of obedience?

1 Samuel 1:12-16 (NIV) ¹² As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk ¹⁴ and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine." ¹⁵ "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. ¹⁶ Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

How quickly we can rush to judgment based on how things appear. Do you take the time to investigate before you come to conclusions concerning others in the body of Christ?

Hannah cries out to the only One who knows the depth of her grief and anguish. She also recognizes that God alone opens the womb, and she pours out her soul to Him.

When you experience great anguish, who do you seek?

1 Samuel 1:17-20 (LSB) ¹⁷ Then Eli answered and said, "Go in peace; and may the God of Israel grant your petition that you have asked of Him." ¹⁸ And she said, "Let your servant-woman find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer *sad*.

¹⁹ Then they arose early in the morning and worshiped before Yahweh and turned back and came to their house in Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and **Yahweh remembered her.** ²⁰ Now it happened in due time that Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son; and she named him Samuel, *saying*, "Because I have asked him of Yahweh."

Eli saw he had been wrong and quickly blessed her request. When you wrongly judge, do you quickly apologize?

Psalms 66:17-19 (NASB₁₉₉₅) ¹⁷ *I cried to Him with my mouth, And He was extolled with my tongue.* ¹⁸ *If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear;* ¹⁹ *But certainly God has heard; He has given heed to the voice of my prayer.*

Are you earnestly seeking God? Do you know He hears you?