1 SAUEL (Heard by God)

Powerfully, true story with shadows & types of the coming Prophet, Priest, & King

A Mother's Greatest Love

Leading Up to 1 Samuel Chapter 2

2091 B.C. Genesis 12 - Abrahamic Covenant is given by God

1859 B.C. Genesis 49 - Israel (Jacob) confirms the Messianic tribe

1446 B.C. **Exodus 12** - Moses leads the exodus out of Egypt

1406 B.C. Joshua 1 - The Promised Land campaign begins

1140 B.C. **Ruth 4** - Ruth gives birth to Obed, David's grandfather

1101 B.C. <u>**1 Samuel 1**</u> - Hannah deeply cries out to Yahweh at the Tabernacle for a son and promises him as a life-long Nazarite

1100 B.C. **<u>1</u> Samuel 1** - Hannah brings Samuel (likely age 3 or 4) to Eli

1 Samuel 2:1-3 (NKJV)¹ And Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation.² "No one is holy like the LORD, For *there is* none besides You, Nor *is* there any rock like our God. ³ "Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the LORD *is* the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed.

Luke 1:46-51 (NKJV) ⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.⁴⁸ For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. ⁴⁹ For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy *is* His name. ⁵⁰ And His mercy *is* on those who fear Him From generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered *the* proud in the imagination of their hearts.

1 Samuel 2:4-7 (CSB)⁴ The bows of the warriors are broken, but the feeble are clothed with strength.⁵ Those who are full hire themselves out for food, but those who are starving hunger no more. The woman who is childless gives birth to seven, but the woman with many sons pines away. ⁶ The LORD brings death and gives life; he sends some down to Sheol, and he raises others up. ⁷ The LORD brings poverty and gives wealth; he humbles and he exalts.

Luke 1:52-53 (CSB) ⁵² he has toppled the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly. ⁵³ He has satisfied the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

1 Samuel 2:8-10 (LSB)⁸ He raises the poor from the dust; He exalts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with nobles, and inherit a seat of glory; For the pillars of the earth are Yahweh's, And He set who were humble. ⁵³ HE the world on them. ⁹ He keeps the feet of His holy ones, But the wicked ones are silenced in darkness, For not by power shall a man prevail. ¹⁰ Those who contend with Yahweh will be dismayed; Against them He will thunder in the heavens; Yahweh will render justice to the ends of the earth, And He will give strength to His king, And He will exalt the horn of His anointed."

Luke 1:52-55 (LSB) ⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones, And has exalted those HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS, and sent away the rich emptyhanded. ⁵⁴ He has given help to Israel His servant, In remembrance of His mercy, ⁵⁵ As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and his seed forever."

1 Samuel 2:11 (ESV) ¹¹ Then Elkanah went home to Ramah. And the boy was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli the priest.

Hannah, went home during this time. Imagine how difficult it was for her to go home after waiting for a child, giving birth to Samuel, bonding with him and then leaving home, for the first time, without him.

Not everyone has or had loving mothers, but in many cases a mother's love for children is hard to surpass with any other type of love. Yet, as Christians, our love for Jesus Christ is to surpass our love for our children, our love our spouse, our parents, our friends, for anyone and anything. Hannah's actions showed that her love and devotion was first and foremost to her Lord and Savior.

When you examine your life, your time, your decisions, your money, your devotion, your greatest love, does Jesus rank 1st?