

NURTURING OUR CHILDREN THROUGH GOD'S WORD

A PROMISE FOR HANNAH (Prayerfulness)

THEME: Prayerfulness

SCRIPTURE: From 1 Samuel 1

KEY VERSE: "Remain in me and follow my teachings. If you do this, then you can ask for anything you want, and it will be given to you." John 15:7

SCRIPTURE TO SHARE:

"After they had eaten their meal in Shiloh, Hannah got up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on a chair near the entrance to the Lord's Holy Tent. Hannah was very sad. She cried much and prayed to the Lord. She made a promise. She said, "Lord of heaven's armies, see how bad I feel. Remember me! Don't forget me. If you will give me a son, I will give him back to you all his life. And no one will ever use a razor to cut his hair." While Hannah kept praying, Eli watched her mouth. She was praying in her heart. Her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. So Eli thought she was drunk. He said to her, "Stop getting drunk! Throw away your wine!" Hannah answered, "No, master, I have not drunk any wine or beer. I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I was telling the Lord about all my problems. Don't think of me as an evil woman. I have been praying because of my many troubles and much sadness." Eli answered, "Go in peace. May the God of Israel give you what you asked of him." Hannah said, "I want to be pleasing to you always." Then she left and ate something. She was not sad anymore."

From 1 Samuel 1

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TALKING ABOUT IT:

1. How did Hannah let God know what she wanted?
2. What promise did Eli give Hannah?
3. Sometimes there are situations in our lives that seem impossible. However, God is able to help us with any problem. All we have to do is to pray and ask God for His help. What is one thing you would like God to work out in your life?
4. Do you think God likes for us to come and talk to Him about problems and troubles we have? Can you think of anyone else in the Bible that may have done this? (David would be one you could mention if they do not know). Talk about prayer, why we pray, and what we can pray about.
5. Take time to pray with your child(ren) if they express a problem or trouble they feel they have. Guide them in their prayer as well.



PRAYER REQUESTS

When people speak their needs, we call them prayer requests. A request is something we are asking God to take care of. Write several prayer requests on the lines below.

MY REQUESTS ARE:

It is also a good idea to write down answers to our prayer requests.

ANSWERS TO MY PRAYER REQUESTS



Hannah, a childless woman of great faith, went year after year to the temple to pray for a son. Hannah promised God that if He gave her a son she would give her son to the Lord for all the days of his life.

1 Samuel 1:1-11