

Man looks at the outward appearance... but the Lord looks at the heart. (I Samuel 16:7)

Introduction to 1 Samuel:

In 1 Samuel we find the story of three great leaders of the nation of Israel, through a period when Israel experienced a massive leadership crisis that led to an historic change in the character of the nation's leadership. The three leaders were Samuel, Saul and David... this book is about a God who makes something out of nothing...

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Sermon Outline:

1. The God who sees the suffering of His people (1:1 - 18)

2. The God who hears the prayers of His people (1:19 - 28)

3. The God who answers from heaven on behalf of His people (2:1 - 11)

Questions for Reflection:

- How were Hannah's troubles a representation of Israel's troubles?
- What is the bad theology beneath Peninnahs provoking of Hannah? (1:6 7)
- What good theology and practice do we learn from Hannah? (1:10 20; 2:1-10)
- What do we learn about the Sovereignty of God and prayer in this passage?



Personal Study Notes

Key Verses:

So in the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the LORD for him." *1 Samuel 1:20*

 ²⁷ I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him.
²⁸ So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there. *1 Samuel 1:27-28*

The Lord Rewards Hannah's Faith

The Lord Opens Hannah's Womb (1:1-20)

Hannah Dedicates Samuel to the Lord's Service (1:21-28)

Questions for Reflection:

Questions or Insights for Discussion: 1)



