

Hannah: Rejoicing in the Favour of God

Sunday, July 18/21

Hebrews 11:6; Isaiah 61:1, 3; 1 Samuel 1 - 2:10

"For without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God, must believe that He exists, and that He rewards those who seek Him." ~ Hebrews 11:6

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord...has sent me...to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor." ~ Isaiah 61:1, 3

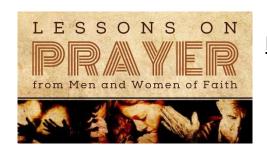
Introduction: Hannah's life story, and the reasons for her grief (1 Samuel 1:1-8)

1. When we seek God, we will find Him (1 Samuel 1:9 - 1 Samuel 2:2)

2. God changes us (1 Samuel 1:9 - 1 Samuel 2:2)

3. God is worthy of our praise (1 Samuel 2:1-10)

4. God is our reward (1 Samuel 2:8-10)



Study and Discussion Questions - Hannah: Rejoicing in the Favour of God

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OPEN IT

- 1. Where does your grief come from?
- 2. How do you find relief from your grief?
- 3. Do you have difficulty praying when you are down or experiencing sorrow?

EXPLORE IT

- 4. What was the first reason for Hannah's grief? (1 Samuel 1:2)
- 5. What was the second reason for her grief? (1 Samuel 1:6, 7)
- 6. How is Hannah's story reflected in Colossians 3:8-10?
- 7. How did Hannah draw near to God? (1 Samuel 1:10, 11, 15, 19)
- 8. Why did Eli think Hannah was drunk? (1 Samuel 1:12-14)
- 9. How was Hannah's driven prayer described in ch 1?
- 10. How does this differ from Hannah's prayer of delight in ch 2?
- 11. What characteristics or attributes of God does Hannah include in her prayer of delight? (1 Samuel 2: 1-10)
- 12. What is the promise found in James 4:8?

GET IT

- 13. What truths of God do you rely on in your journey with Him?
- 14. What attribute(s) of God mean most to you right now in your journey?
- 15. What attribute(s) do you want to explore more? How will you do this?
- 16. How is God conforming you?
- 17. How would you explain to a non-believer or new Christian what it means to 'draw near to God'? (Hebrews 11:6)
- 18. What does it mean that God "rewards those who seek Him"? (Hebrews 11:6)

APPLY IT

- 19. Is there any circumstance in your life that you should lay at the feet of Jesus?
- 20. How can you develop a pattern of faithfulness like Hannah?