

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTER 1:12-20

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"Life, When the Bottom Drops Out"

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

1 Samuel 1:12-20

It was a Critical Time in Israel

The Period of the Judges of Israel was about to come to an end with Judge Samuel, - But God had determined that Samuel would be the First of the Prophets of Israel as well...

2 And he had two wives: the name of one was Ha'-nah, and the name of the other Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, **but Hannah had none..**



Hannah heb (khan-naw' - grace) whose name means "special, chosen, one favored by God - or graced by God"

Graced by God

Was this some sort of a cosmic joke?

The Grace of God is Always Enough

2 Corinthians 12:8-10

8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Her Barrenness was ordained by God

1 Sam 1:4-5

for the LORD had closed her womb

Obedience in light of Pain
Worship in light of Sorrow

Verse 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."

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1 Sam 1:12-21

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Life, When the bottom drops out

1.) *Often Magnifies our Frailty* *vv. 12-15*

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Life, When the bottom drops out

a.) *Deceives us with feelings of helplessness*

Verse 12

And it happened, as she continued praying before the LORD

Hopelessness, Loneliness, Isolation

Hannah's Example

And it **happened**, as she **continued** praying before the LORD

What Happened?

SHE STAYED AT PRAYING

Luke 11:9-10

9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

We Often Give Up at Prayer

Prayer Invites The Will of God

Life, When the bottom drops out

Magnifies our frailty

b.) *Blinds us to our effectiveness*

Verse 12-13

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Jeremiah 29:10-14

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 **And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.**

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c.) *Overpowers us for defeat*

Verse 14-15

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Tired, Exhausted, Worn, & Fatigued

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2.) *Often Creates a Critical Eye*

vv.16-17

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Often Creates a Critical Eye

a.) *When we begin to justify our position*

Verse 16

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Hannah's Example

There is no record of her pouting or whining or demanding

1 Peter 5:5-6

"God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

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Often Creates a Critical Eye

b.) When we begin to attack the position of others

Verse 17

Then Eli answered and said, "Go in peace..."

"Go in peace"

to attack the position of others is human..

Because every human has their faults and failures, There is no scarcity of material to attack

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Often Creates a Critical Eye

c.) When we begin to build walls of defense

Verse 17

and the God of Israel grant your petition **which you have asked of Him.**"

Self-Defense is a Natural Response

Eph 4:30-31

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you,

Heb 12:13-15

14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking diligently lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

Life, When the bottom drops out

3.) Often Builds a Cynical Heart and Mind vv.18-20

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Often Builds a Cynical Heart and Mind

a.) Cynicism says, "everyone is against me"

Verse 18

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Hannah's Example

And she said

"Let your maidservant find favor in your sight

Often Builds a Cynical Heart and Mind

b.) *Cynicism says, "no one and nothing is for real"*

Verse 19

Then they rose early in the morning and **worshiped before the LORD**, and returned and came to their house at Ramah.

c.) *Cynicism says, "none are with me"*

Verse 19

Hannah's Example

And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her.

Often Builds a Cynical Heart and Mind

d.) *Cynicism says, "Be depressed"*

20 So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying,
"Because I have asked for him from the LORD."

1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Life, When the bottom drops out

And how to pick up the pieces

Hannah Turned to God

Verse 10-11

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"O LORD of hosts...

LORD

Yehovah (yeh-ho-vaw')
(the) self-Existent or Eternal; Jehovah

Hosts

The organizer of war, the one who assembles an army.
To launch a campaign against hardship, worship):

#1

look on the affliction of Your maidservant
*to arrive, to make an appearance,
to show yourself, to take the case*

#2

and **remember** me,
*to count how long, to consider the scale, to recognize
and evaluate*

#3

and not **forget** Your maidservant,
to keep forefront in mind, to hold as a priority

#4

but will **give** Your maidservant a male child,
*to grant, to assign, to appoint, to provide, to
hand out*

Verse 11

then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon
his head."

TOTAL DEDICATION

OF WHO YOU ARE, AND WHAT YOU HAVE, IS SEEN BY HOW
LITTLE YOU POSSESS

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