

A Praying Mother
Prayer & Listening – Part 8
Life Church St. Louis – May 14, 2017
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Exodus 20:12 (NIV) "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you."

2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

1. Praying mothers have real _____

1 Samuel 1:6 (NIV) Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her.

1 Samuel 1:8 (NIV) Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"

2. Praying mothers pray with _____

1 Samuel 1:10 (NIV) In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly.

1 Samuel 1:11 (NIV) And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

1 Samuel 1:18b (NIV) Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

3. Praying mothers receive God's _____

1 Samuel 1:19-20 (NIV) Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the LORD for him."

4. Praying mothers _____ their children to God

1 Samuel 1:27-28 (NIV) I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. 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.

Psalm 127:3 (NIV) Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.

5. Praying mothers are filled with _____

1 Samuel 2:1 (NIV) Then Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance.

1 Samuel 2:26 (NIV) And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with people.

1 Samuel 2:21a (NIV) And the LORD was gracious to Hannah; she gave birth to three sons and two daughters.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. Why does God command us to honor our fathers and mothers (Exodus 20:12)?

What is significant about how Timothy became a Christian (2 Timothy 1:5)?

What are the most important responsibilities of a mother?

1A. Why do you think God kept Hannah from having children (1 Samuel 1:6)?

1B. How did Hannah's husband Elkanah miss his responsibility (1 Samuel 1:8)?

1C. Why does God allow problems in our lives?

2A. What does the description of Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 1:10 tell you about her heart?

2B. Why do you think Hannah made a vow to the Lord (1 Samuel 1:11)?

2C. After her prayer, why was Hannah no longer downcast (1 Samuel 1:18)?

2D. How can you move from blaming God to seeking God in the midst of problems in your life?

3A. What does Hannah's naming of Samuel tell you about her (1 Samuel 1:19-20)?

3B. What kinds of things should you pray for your children?

4A. In what ways do you think it was difficult for Hannah to give her son to serve the Lord in the temple (1 Samuel 1:27-28)?

4B. How are children a heritage and a reward from the Lord (Psalm 127:3)?

4C. How can a mother give her children to the Lord today?

5A. Why was Hannah's heart filled with praise after leaving Samuel at the temple (1 Samuel 2:1)?

5B. How were Hannah's prayers instrumental in Samuel's prophetic ministry (1 Samuel 2:26. 3:19-21)?

5C. What does 1 Samuel 2:21 tell you about the Lord's heart for Hannah?

5D. How was Hannah's barrenness part of God's grand plan?