

Questions for consideration—With the Master on Our Knees— The Heart of Hannah as Revealed Through Her Prayers— (Part 1—1 Samuel 1:1-28) – Lesson 10

1. (a) Read 1 Samuel 1 and write down the things you learn about Elkanah, about Hannah, and about Peninnah. (b) Notice the advice or response to Hannah's despair from her rival in verses 6 and 7; from her husband in verse 8; and from Eli the priest in verses 14-18. (c) What would be your advice to Hannah? (d) What scripture would you use to try and help her?

2. Memorize 1 Samuel 1:10.

3. (a) Looking over 1 Samuel 1:1-6, in what ways do you think Peninnah, Elkanah's other wife, would have been an added trial for Hannah? (b) Biblically, how should one respond when provoked by another? (Give biblical reference)

4. (a) Who else besides Hannah according to Genesis 25:21; 29:31-30:24; Judges 13; Ruth 4:13 and Luke 1:1-38, had their womb closed or open? (b) Which of these prayed for God to open their womb? (c) What do you learn about an open or closed womb?

5. (a) In verses 9-18 of 1 Samuel 1, we see that Hannah was wrongly accused by Eli of being drunk when she was praying! How does Hannah respond and what do you learn from her when being wrongly accused? (b) Who else comes to mind in Scripture that was wrongly accused? (c) What do you learn from their example? (d) How do you respond when you are wrongly accused of something that was a righteous act and someone mistook it for an unrighteous act?

6. (a) What do you do when you are distressed over a matter that you can't control? (b) Who or what do you turn to? (c) What lessons can you learn from Hannah that will help you to respond in a righteous way when you are in "bitterness of soul"?

7. Looking at your answers from questions 6, what is your prayer? Please write it down to share with your group.