

With The Master on Our Knees—The Heart of Hannah  
as Revealed Through Her Prayers— (Part 2—1 Samuel 2:1-11) – Lesson 11

1. (a) Read 1 Samuel 2:1-11. As you read this prayer of Hannah, write down all the attributes of God she mentions. (b) How would her knowledge of God help her in this difficult time of giving up her three-year-old son? (c) What contrasts do you see between 1 Samuel 2:11 and 2:12? (d) As a mother of a three-year-old, do you think you would struggle with leaving your three-year-old in the hands of Eli?
  
2. Memorize 1 Samuel 2:2, 3.
  
3. (a) Read Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 2:1-11 along with Mary's prayer in Luke 1:46-56. What is similar about these prayers? (b) What is similar about these two women? (c) In what ways, can we be encouraged through the prayers of these women?
  
4. (a) After Hannah's prayer, she returns home with her husband but without her son. What happens to Samuel next according to 1 Samuel 2:12-3:21? (b) What does Acts 3:24, Acts 13:20 and Hebrews 11:32 say about Samuel? (c) How do these facts about Samuel help to build your faith and understanding of Hannah's vow to give her son to the Lord? Extra Credit: Read the rest of 1 Samuel and make note of what events happen in this man's life.
  
5. (a) Hannah's prayer of praise is during the time of giving her three-year-old son to the Lord. Putting your feet in Hannah's shoes, do you think you could praise God during this time? (b) When you are going through a trial is it easy for you to praise the Lord? Why or why not? (c) What reminders could you take from Hannah's prayer to help you be steadfast during your next trials?
  
6. (a) What can parents today glean from the prayers of Hannah regarding their children? (b) Do our children belong to us or to the Lord? (c) What lessons have you as a mother learned over the years that can help other mothers to not hold too tightly to their children?
  
7. Write a prayer request to share with your group after studying this lesson. Include a portion of Hannah's prayer in your request.