

The Book Of 1 Samuel
Wednesday Noon Bible Study
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Lesson 5 Today's lesson is all about a prayer that is a song and a poem. It is one of the earliest and most stirring poems in the Old Testament.

1st Point Examples Of Other Songs That Praises The Lord

- The first example is in **Exodus 15**. In this song;
- Moses is praising the Lord for delivering them out of Egypt
- And bringing them through the Red Sea
- And destroying Pharaoh's army
- And putting fear in hearts and minds of the inhabitants in the Promise Land
- Reminding them that the LORD was gonna indeed place them in the Promise Land

The second example is Mary's song of praise in **Luke 1:46-55**

- As we look at this one, we see that Mary, the mother of Jesus references this song of Hannah in her song of praise to the Lord.
- Here in Luke 1, Mary is praising God for selecting her to be the human mother of Jesus, the Messiah.

2nd Point The Song Of Hannah (1 Samuel 2:1-10)

So many truths we learn from the study of Hannah's prayer

1st truth we learn: Hannah begins her prayer with praise. As a matter of fact, she is praying and praising at the same time.

- You see, when we begin to praise God in our prayer, *it helps us to focus on the glory of the LORD, and not the greatness of our need.*
When we see the greatness of God, we begin to see life with the right perspective.

- **2nd truth we learn:** She is talking about God's blessings to her nation, herself, and her family.
- How often do we thank God for HIM not only blessing us, but also for living in America? America, with all its evils, is still the best place to live. We still enjoy the freedom of worship.

3rd truth we learn: *That the Lord is our joy 2:1...My heart rejoices in the LORD... Hannah says; I realize where joy resides.* Saints, do we realize what Hannah realized? Hannah realized that joy is a PERSON. Joy is the presence of this PERSON

Psalm 16:11 says: **Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.**

4th truth we learn: *That the Lord is our strength.* Hannah says the LORD is her **horn** in **1 Samuel 2:1**. Throughout Scripture horn is used to describe strength. The animals use their horns for defense and to attack their enemies. Hannah describes the strength that she received from the LORD in prayer. **Psalms 27: 1** says: **The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

5th truth we learn: *That the Lord is the discerning God-* **1 Samuel 2:1...my mouth is enlarged over my enemies.** Hannah is acknowledging the fact that Lord knew exactly what she was going through with Peninnah, and in HIS time HE would act on her behalf.

6th truth we learn: *That the Lord is the Holy, All-knowing, All-powerful, Unique God.* Hannah begins to extoll her God. **The word extol means to “highly praise”.** She takes her praise to a higher level.

Saints, our God deserves the highest praise just because of **WHO HE IS!** In **1 Samuel 2:2** Hannah says: **There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside: neither is there any rock like our God.)**

That's what the prophet Isaiah said in **Isaiah 40:18 To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto HIM ?**

Exodus 15:11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like THEE, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

7th Truth we learn: *That the LORD is the Just Judge.* (**1 Samuel 2:3...for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by His actions are weighed.**) Hannah says the LORD actions toward the godly and ungodly are just because HE sees everything. This truth is expressed in **Genesis 18:25**.

8th Truth we learn: *That HE is the Sovereign Lord God who is in control of all things.* In Hannah's words in **vvs. 5-8, Hannah is** declaring that the final disposition of everything is in the Lord's hand.