

## Life of Hannah

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We'd be talking about the life of Hannah.

Who is she?

Or who was she?

What was her effect in the scriptures?

Let's see.

Father we thank you for a day like this, we say be glorified in Jesus' Name. We thank you for your love towards us.

As we're about to have a study review of your word, we pray that it grows in the field of our heart.

Thank you Jesus.

In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen

We know her for her sorrow. She longed for a son, but couldn't have children. We know her for her faithfulness. She never gave up hope that God would hear her prayer. We also know her for her sacrifice. She dedicated her baby Samuel to the Lord and left him at the temple to serve God \_"all the days of his life" \_

Hannah is one of the most recognizable women in scripture for all these reasons. Many of us remember her story for her deep anguish over not being a mother. We all most likely recall her time at the temple, taking her request to God in powerful prayer. And what mother wouldn't be impacted by Hannah's bold move – leaving her little blessing at the temple to be raised by Eli the priest?

Hannah was one of two wives of a man named Elkanah who lived "in the hill country of Ephraim" near Shiloh. The other wife of Elkanah, Peninnah, had children, but Hannah had no child.

Because of this, Hannah was very sad. She really desired a child but could not conceive. To make matters worse, Peninnah taunted Hannah concerning her barrenness.

Although Elkanah loved Hannah and was very kind to her (1 Samuel 1:5, 8), Peninnah's unkindness on top of her natural grief was too much for Hannah to bear. Hannah cried out to God about her situation. She promised the Lord that if He would give her a son, she would dedicate him to God as a Nazirite (a man set apart to serve God; see Numbers 6:1-8).

While Hannah was praying, Eli thought her to be a drunk and unserious person until she explained her predicament and then he prayed for her.

Hannah's story gives us insight into God's heart. God does not despise human desire. Hannah's longing for a child was obviously placed in her heart by God Himself.

Her husband tries to comfort her, saying in love, "Am I not more to you than ten sons?" He does not understand why she cannot be content with what she has – namely, him! But Hannah's desire for a son would not be quenched.

\_\*She was mocked by Peninnah and rebuked by Eli, but heard by God.\*\_

Hannah's life had significant moments that stand out, but there are other facts about her we often overlook. Are you wondering if there's more to Hannah's story than you thought?

1. Hannah knew how to respond with grace, or not respond at all.

Really, we understand what the society is like, they quickly conclude about you by what you do or say.

It was almost the same thing with Eli. He just concluded she was a drunkard and quickly started giving her tips.

But she knew how to gracefully respond.

2. Eli the priest asked God to bless Hannah with a child more than once.

Yeah † ♀

3. Hannah had 5 more children after Samuel.

More like Samuel opened the womb. And yeah, we really didn't get to hear about them but she did.

4. Hannah was the fourth woman in biblical history to suffer through infertility.

There are at least seven women in the Bible who were initially childless (also referred to as barren). Six of these seven finally did have children after several years. In Old Testament times it was a shame for a wife not to bear children (be childless) for her husband. Although many times it was the female in the marriage who was physically incapable of bearing kids, there were no doubt instances where it was the male who could not engender offspring.

Sarah

Rebekah

Rachael

Samson's mother

Hannah

Michal

Elizabeth

She was the fifth actually

5. Hannah's famous prayer may have prophesied the coming Messiah.

"1 Samuel 1:11

[11]And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head."

As Uncle Aremo once taught that every scripture still traces back to Jesus. And yeah, this place too.

These 5 details of Hannah's life tell us a lot about her as a person – \*real, humble, passionate.\*

By looking at these details, we can understand her trials and rejoice in her triumphs.

That's the end of today's review.

I hope we learnt a lot like I did.

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Thank you father for today's review!

Your grace is available for us

Let our lives please you!

Amen,

Lord Jesus, guide us into your word and help us to see you at the center of it.

Help us grow and flourish in your word as your word gives peace and blessings.

Amen

## **Achievements of Hannah**

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### **Anuoluwapo**

So I'm not going to bore you with epistle as @ BarrDella talked about almost everything we need to know about Hanaah, hence I'd just go straight to the point. Today, we'd be talking about the achievements of Hanaah and I want this review to be interactive... I don't want to be the only one talking. I also want to hear and learn from you all

The story of Hannah is found in 1 Samuel 1 and 2. She was loved by her husband, Elkanah, but the Lord had closed her womb. Being childless, she vowed to God that if He would give her a son, she would give him to the Lord all the days of his life.

Every year Hannah would accompany her husband in worshipping and sacrificing to God in Shiloh. And every year, the other wife of Elkanah, Peninnah, would provoke Hannah to the point of tears by reminding her that she was childless. Peninnah had children and was making life miserable for her.

First of all one thing I learnt from Hanaah was \*consistency\* ... Despite the fact that God had not given in to her request, she didn't stop going to the house of God. She was very very consistent with going there and doing her normal thing... A whole lot of us should learn this from her, small problem like this, you stop going to church, you literally shut people from your life, and begin to live in a shadow of yourself... It shouldn't be so

As a Christian, \*consistency\* is very key... In our walk with God, we need to be consistent... Don't be open to compromising no matter the challenges that come your way...

A typical example of that happened not long ago in my church, a church member lost her child which they've

spent much on... On Friday and she was the first person we met in church on Sunday morning.. We were all surprised and someone was like if she was in the position, she won't step anywhere till like a month including going to church.... But I really saw that consistency spirit in her... She never stopped attending the weekly services, doing her Normal thing in church.. She just kept her heads straight and refused to be distracted

Proceeding to the next one...

Another achievement of Hanaah was that she was a persistent woman.

\*persistence\* she really exhibited that trait.... We could see that in 1samuel 1:7 And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. ....i want us to focus on \*did so year by year\*

She kept on going, reminding God of what she wants... She was very persistent... She couldn't just give up that easily... She knew what she wanted and she kept on going for it ...she didn't feel the need to stop telling God what she wants since it wasn't forthcoming

Do you get, I remember how my siblings and I keeps on disturbing our parents whenever we wanted to celebrate our birthdays or when it's close to December...we are always on their neck.... Just to let them know we won't cease from reminding them

How much do you remind God about what you want... How persistent are you

Another achievement of Hanaah was that \*she got a new title\*

Looking from 1samuel 1:2 and he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. ....having no child implied she was a barren, she was infertile.. She wasn't fruitful....but that name changed when God answered her prayer

I can't imagine people still regarding her as Sis Hanaah or pointing to her as that childless woman....her name changed, God crowned her with a new name...

I pray for each and every one of us, that may God change our names to a better one... May he give us a new name

Just like that Tope Alabi song, the moment God steps into your situation, everything just turn around including the names people have been calling you.... When God decides to visit you, you don't have to go to court and do change of name... It changes automatically

Another achievement of Hanaah was... She was calm with her responses...

When Eli asked her what was wrong, she didn't feel embarrassed or angry with that kind of question, instead she replied him gracefully... Our God class ladies, what kind of utterances comes out from you?

Some of us feels we are being savage.... SMH, I pity you..... Let the words of your mouth not lead someone else into committing sin.... Pls and pls, let's say words that will give glory to God and won't bring another person down... Pls and pls

Another achievement again is that Hannah was a woman of her own word... She made a promise when she was waiting and seeking from God and when God finally granted her request, she didn't change her mind... She did what she promised.... Are we ladies that keep on to our own words? Are we promise and fail?

1 samuel 1:26And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. 27For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: 28therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

I believe Hanaah's character is a very interesting one... We all should take time and read about her, learn from her and ask God for more exposition. I'd like to stop here but I'm sure have been able to pass one message or the other... May God bless his words in our life Amen

Is there any contribution, addition, subtraction before we take the closing prayer

Dear father, help us to be patient in waiting on you in Jesus name

Amen

Della: I have a question o

Della: What's the difference between consistency and persistency?

Della: Also, won't persisting over one thing to God be like you lack faith or you're just being like the Pharisees that repeat prayers as Jesus said in Luke about prayers?

Della: Okay. Here's my opinion.

I think it was faith that made her keep praying.

Faith is not when you get assured, you na believe. Faith is the assurance of the hope (that is, you've not seen or even heard, but you already believe).

Faith is full when there's a note of victory for whatever you're praying for and that's what Hannah waited for.

So, her faith didn't come after she had prayed, it came even before (like, why did she pray sef? Because she believed God could do it).

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Praying without ceasing is different from praying consistently about a thing. You can pray without ceasing to just build up yourself (Jude 20) or pray without ceasing about various things (Eph. 6:18).

Praying consistently, is praying with faith that you'd get that thing until you get a 'note of victory' over that thing.

Anuoliwapo; Thank you so much Della

Thank you all for today... I appreciate everyone who listened, contributed and responded to this whole review session... God bless you abundantly

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Everlasting father we thank you

We appreciate your goodness accept our thanks

Father come and takeover to bible study

Thank you lord for you have answered our pray in jesus name we pray

My case study for today is from 1sam chapter 1: 11

1st Samuel 1:11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

Hannah was loved by her husband but she was not happy

She was always been provoked by peninnah

But the fact that she doesn't have a child is a challenge in her life

There are so many people out there that are facing one challenge or the other which is not making them happy

Hannah went before God bitterly, she wept and made a vow just for that challenge to turn to testimony

My point here is we should emulate what Hannah did

Most times our prayers are not answered and before of that we challenge God

But instead of challenging him why not make a promise that you know you can fulfill and see what God will do

From this bible verse am just going to pick out two points

I hope we all understand what am trying to say

1st Samuel 1:22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord, and there abide for ever.