

A Loving Mother

Lessons from Hannah — 1 Samuel 1–2

Jeremiah 6:16

“Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”

1 Samuel 1:9–11

⁹ Once after a sacrificial meal at Shiloh, Hannah got up and went to pray. Eli the priest was sitting at his customary place beside the entrance of the Tabernacle. ¹⁰ Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord. ¹¹ And she made this vow: “O Lord of Heaven’s Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to you. He will be yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the Lord, his hair will never be cut.”

1. A Loving Mother Brings Her Deepest Desires to God

Hannah does not run from God in her pain — she runs to Him.

2. A Loving Mother Trusts God Before the Answer Comes

1 Samuel 1:17–18

¹⁷ Eli answered, “Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.” ¹⁸ She said, “May your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

Reflect: Have you ever gone through a season where all you could do was trust God?

Love rests in who God is, not just what He does.

3. A Loving Mother Gives What She Loves Back to God

1 Samuel 1:25–28

²⁵ When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, ²⁶ and she said to him, “Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. ²⁷ I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. ²⁸ 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.

4. A Loving Mother Lives from Worship, Not Just Emotion

1 Samuel 2:1–2

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. There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.”

Worship lifts our eyes back to God.

What becomes your focus during difficult seasons — your problems, or God’s presence?

Great mothers are not produced by pressure.

They are formed by the love of God.

Notes
