**"HANNAH - A WOMAN OF FAITH"**

**Church Service Sunday Sept. 28th 2014**

Prayer…..

**INTRODUCTION**

1. The Bible contains many role models for us today to look at...

 a. Great men like Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Enoch, Moses, Joshua, David, Elijah, Daniel, Paul.

 b. Great women like Sarah, Ruth, [Esther, The syrophoenecian woman, Mary ,Rahab, woman at the well, woman with the issue of blood etc, etc.](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Esther%202%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

[2](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Esther%202%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank). But today I’m given BY GOD A wonderfuland special role model for women of faith today and is that of **Hannah.**..

 a. The mother of Samuel, being one of the greatest prophets of Israel

 b. Whose story is told in the first two chapters of

 **1 Samuel**

**1 Samuel 1:1-13…**[\*](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote0) Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of [a](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote1)mount Ephraim, and his name *was* [b](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote2)Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, [c](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote3)an Ephrathite: 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 [d](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote4)Hannah had no children. 3 And this man went up out of his city [e](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote5)[\*](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote6) yearly [f](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote7)to worship and to sacrifice unto the Lord of hosts in [g](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote8)Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the Lord, *were* there. 4 And when the time was that Elkanah offered, [h](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote9)he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: 5 But unto Hannah he gave [\*](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote10) a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: **but the Lord had shut up her womb.** 6 And her adversary also [\*](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote11) provoked her sore, [i](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote12)for to make her fret, because the Lord had shut up her womb. 7 And *as* he did so year by year, [\*](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote13) when she went up to the house of the Lord, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. 8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? *am* not I [j](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote14)better to thee than ten sons? 9 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in [g](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote15)Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of [k](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote16)the temple of the Lord. 10 And she *was* [l](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote17)[\*](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote18) in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore. 11 And she [m](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote19)vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed [n](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote20)look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and [o](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote21)remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid [\*](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote22) a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and [p](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote23)there shall no rasor come upon his head. 12 And it came to pass, as she [\*](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote24) continued praying before theLord**, that Eli marked her mouth.**

[From just a simple reading of the material in this chapter we can

extrapolate several lessons from **"Hannah - A Woman Of Faith"**.

For example, as we read IN [**1Sa 1:1-**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.1-8)**13**, we learn that...]

**I. REAL WOMEN OF FAITH ENDURE REAL PROBLEMS**

1. **HANNAH'S PROBLEMS...extend from (psychological to emotional stress.)**

WHY!!!???

1. **Womb closed by the Lord** –A womans pride is to give birth to a child.

[**1Sa 1:1-5**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.1-5)**…**: **5 But unto Hannah he gave** [**\***](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote10) **a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the Lord had shut up her womb**

**Some women will go any distance just to have a child**.

1. **Go in a hospital and steal a brand new baby.**
2. **Supermarket or shopping mall.**

 2. **Was Provoked by her rival** – Her other husbands wife riddled her

 with constant ridicule.

[**1Sa 1:6-8**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.6-8)**…..** **6 And her adversary also** [**\***](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote11) **provoked her sore,** [**i**](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1Sa1.1-2.10#footnote12)**for to make her fret, because the Lord had shut up her womb.**

1. **WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM HANNAH is the Following...**
2. Women of faith are not without problems in this life.

Throughout the bible we learn that….

 a. The righteous often suffer (remember Job) and his three friend

 and even his own wife

 b. Sarah likewise suffered ridicule from her handmaiden Hagar.

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[**Gen 16:3-5**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Gen%2016.3-5)

**Women of God today…… God is saying to all…..NOT JUST The Ladies**

1. We should not let others deter our trust in the Lord

 a. Hannah could have used her misfortune and mistreatment as an

 excuse.

 b. Yet year after year Hannah continued to worship the Lord

 in spite of her dilemmas and short-comings.

[**1Sa 1:7**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.7)

**[Women of faith have problems just like other women. What distinguishes**

**them as women of faith is what they do when faced with their problems,**

**as we learn today from reading about this role model is that…..**

**When you reach your Shiloh………Your Shiloh can be right here the house of worship!!!!**

**It was at Shiloh that Hannah met with God and began to pray!!!!**

**II. WOMEN OF FAITH KNOW HOW TO EXTEND VIBRANT PRAYERS TO THEIR GOD!!!**

1. **HANNAH'S PRAYER...she came to God with….**

 1. **With the bitterness of soul** - [**1Sa 1:10**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.10)

 2. **With weeping in anguish** - [**1Sa 1:10**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.10)

 3. **With offers of a solemn vow** - [**1Sa 1:11**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.11)

 4. **With persistent prayers** - [**1Sa 1:12**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.12)

 5. **With her heart exposed to God -** [**1Sa 1:13**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.13)

 6. **With all her soul** - [**1Sa 1:15-16**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.15-16)

 7. **With faith in God's promise**[**……Sa 1:18**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.18)..

**Real Women of Faith know How to …EXTEND VIBRANT LIVE PRAYERS TO GOD!!**

**KNOWING THAT GOD IS NOT A MAN THAT HE WILL LIE…..-**

 **B. WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM HANNAH..**

 1. Pray fervently - she put her soul in her prayers –

[**Col 4:2a**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Col%204.2a)

 2. Pray persistently - she continued steadfastly in prayers –

[**Co 4:2b**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Co%204.2b)

 3. Pray faithfully - she believed that God would answer her

 prayers –

[**1Jn 5:14-15**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Jn%205.14-15)

Women of faith believe in the efficacy of prayer. Because God takes notice of such faith.

[**2Ch 16:9**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/2Ch%2016.9)),

 so we should not be surprise to see as we continue reading

[**1Sa 1:19-20**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.19-20)) that...

**III. WOMEN OF FAITH EXPERIENCE GOD'S PROVISIONS**

 **A. HANNAH'S PROVISIONS...**

 1. When the Lord remembered her God opened her womb!!-

[**1Sa 1:19**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.19)

 2. When the Lord gave her a son, whom she named Samuel

 ("heard of God") –

[**1Sa 1:20**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.20)

 **B. WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM HANNAH...**

1. God may sometimes give us what we want but there are three things to remember!!!

 a. It must be according to His will –

[**1Jn 5:14**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Jn%205.14)

 b. We must abide in His words –

[**Jn 15:7**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Jn%2015.7)

 c. Selfish prayers will not be answered as we wish –

[**Jm 4:3**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Jm%204.3)

 2. God will always provide what we need. But keep in mind….

 a. It may not be what we want or expect

 b. But it will meet our needs, and be for our good - cf.

[**Mt 6:33**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Mt%206.33)**;**

[**Ro 8:28**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Ro%208.28)

[In Hannah's case, she received that for which she asked. But she had

made a vow, and as we read on we see that...

([**1Sa 1:21-28**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.21-28)),]

**IV. WOMEN OF FAITH EXCEL AT KEEPING PROMISES**

 **A. HANNAH'S PROMISE...They were firm in their promises especially to God.**

 1. She planned to keep her promise –

[**1Sa 1:22**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.22)

 2. She carried out what she promised -

[**1Sa 1:24-28**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.24-28)

 3. She worshipped the Lord -

 [**1Sa 1:28**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%201.28)

 **B. WHAT ELSE CAN WE LEARN FROM HANNAH..**

 1. We should keep our vows

 a. God has no pleasure in fools who do not keep their vows

 [**Ec 5:4-5**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Ec%205.4-5)

 b. As Christians, even our 'yes' and 'no' are as solemn vows

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[**Mt 5:33-37**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Mt%205.33-37)**;**

[**Jm 5:12**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Jm%205.12)

 2. We should worship the Lord

 a. Fulfillment of vows or promises should not be done

 begrudgingly

 b. We should with gratitude of heart do the will of the Lord

[**Col 3:17**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Col%203.17)

[Finally, we note Hannah's prayer of thanksgiving ([**1Sa 2:1-10**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%202.1-10)), which

is reminiscent of Mary's 'Magnificat' ([**Lk 1:46-55**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Lk%201.46-55)). Both prayers reveal

that...]

**V. WOMEN OF FAITH know how to EXPRESS THEIR PRAISE**

 **A. HANNAH'S PRAISE...**

 1. She made them With great joy in her heart –

[**1Sa 2:1**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%202.1)

 2. With praise for the Lord for His help -

[**1Sa 2:2-10**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%202.2-10)

 **B. WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM HANNAH...**

 1. We should rejoice in blessings received

 a. For we are to rejoice always –

[**1Th 5:16**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Th%205.16)

 b. How much more so when we have received blessings from the

 Lord!

 2. We should offer praise for blessings received

 a. As David offered thanks, and promised to praise God –

[**Psa. 18:49**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Psa%2018.49)

 b. Praising God is how Christians offer spiritual sacrifices to

 God –

[**He 13:15**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/He%2013.15)

**CONCLUSION….IN CLOSING…..**

1. **"Hannah - A Woman Of Faith"** serves to remind us that all women of

 faith...

 a. WILL **Endure real problems**

 b**. WILL Extend vibrant prayers**

 c. WILL **Experience God's provisions**

 d. WILL **Excel at keeping promises**

 e. WILL **Express their praise**

2. Today, anyone can become a person of faith...

 a. Even though you face many problems

 b. If you are willing to come to God in prayerful obedience to the

 gospel of Christ

 c. Receive the gift of salvation provided through God's Son

 d. Remain true to your commitment to His authority as Lord of your

 life

 e. Offer your life and the fruit of your lips in praise to Him

May everyone, whether male or female, be able to say together with

Hannah:

 **"My heart rejoices in the Lord; My horn is exalted in the Lord."**

 **-** [**1Sa 2:1**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Sa%202.1)