

Eli's Perception

1 Sam. 1:1-18

And there was a certain man of Ramathaim-Zophim from the hills of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite.

And he had two wives, the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the second, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. And that man went up from his city from year to year to worship and to sacrifice before YAHWEH of Hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests to YAHWEH there. And the day came, and Elkanah sacrificed. And he would give to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and her daughter's portions.

And to Hannah he gave one double portion, for he loved Hannah. And YAHWEH had shut up her womb. And her rival tormented her even to vexation, so as to make her tremble, because YAHWEH had shut up her womb. And so he did year by year, as often as she went up to the house of YAHWEH, so she provoked her. And she wept, and did not eat.

And her husband Elkanah said to her, Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart afflicted? Am I not better to you than ten sons?

And Hannah rose up after eating in Shiloh, and after drinking. And Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the side post of the

sanctuary of YAHWEH. And she was bitter of soul, and prayed to YAHWEH, and weeping she wept.

YAHWEH of Hosts, if looking You will look upon the affliction of Your handmaid, and shall remember me, and not forget Your handmaid, and shall give to Your handmaid a seed of men, then I will give him to YAHWEH all the days of his life; and a razor shall not go up on his head.

And it happened, when she prayed long before YAHWEH, Eli was watching her mouth. And Hannah was speaking in her heart; only, her lips moved; but her voice could not be heard. So Eli thought that she was drunk. And Eli said to her, until when will you be drunken? Put away your wine from you.

And Hannah answered and said, No, my master; I am a woman pained in spirit. And I have not drunk wine or fermented drink, but I am pouring out my soul before YAHWEH. Do not put your handmaid down for a daughter of wickedness; for from the abundance of my complaint and grief until now I have been speaking.

And Eli answered and said, go in peace, and may the Elohim of Israel give you your petition which you have asked of Him.

And she said, let your handmaid find grace in your eyes. And the woman went her way, and ate, and her face was no longer sad.



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Affliction

Eli

Elkanah

Ephraim

Fasted

Handmaid

Hannah

Heart

House of Yahweh

Lips Moved

Not Drunken

Peninnah

Petition

Prayed

Priest

Seed

Shiloh

Torment

Wept

Womb

And they rose up early in the morning and worshiped before YAHWEH. And they went back and came to their house in Ramah. And Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and YAHWEH remembered her – Samuel 1:19