

The Dedication of a Son
1 Samuel 2:1-11
August 16, 2020

I. Background on Hannah's Prayer

- A. The Old Testament and Polygamy

- B. Hannah's commitment in 1 Samuel 1:22b

II. There is No One Else (V. 1-2)

- A. Everyday salvation acts of God are _____ of Christ's salvation of our souls (John 5:39-40).

III. The Pillars of the Earth (V. 3-8)

- A. The safest place for a person to be in this world is in the _____ of God.

- B. The salvation of God demands a _____ from man.

IV. The Feet of the Faithful (V. 9-11)

- A. Salvation does not depend on man's strength, but God's _____.

- B. Salvation is not about eternal life for _____, but eternal life with _____
(John 17:3).

- C. Knowing God.

Group Discussion

1. Make sure everyone is aware of the Prayer Drive at Thunderbird Hospital at 7 pm. If your group meets later in the week, discuss how awesome it was!
2. What are your initial takeaways from 1 Samuel 2:1-11?
3. How was God giving Hannah a son an act of salvation (V. 1)? Has God blessed you in a big way? How did that express His salvation to you?
4. Read 1 Samuel 1:21-22. What was Hannah's motivation for giving her son to the service of the tabernacle? Why do you think that meant so much to her?
5. Hannah spends a lot of time declaring God's authority over man's actions (V. 2-8). What does that have to do with her dedicating her son to the tabernacle?
6. What is the difference between trying to be faithful to God and trying to be mighty to God (V. 9)? Does faithfulness to God sometimes conflict with our will to be strong? How?
7. Review the church prayer guide on the next page, exchange prayer requests, and close in prayer as a group.

Recommended Reading for Further Study:

Reread 1 Samuel 2:10, then read Psalm 2:1-3, Psalm 18:50, and Acts 4:23-31

Church Bible Reading Plan

This Week: Read 1 Samuel 13:8-17:58

July & August: Memorize Psalm 139:7-12

Psalm 67:1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

Our Vision: To create a culture of discipleship that leads to worship and compels us to be on mission.

PRAY that our love for our neighbors will cause us to be sensitive to their need for Jesus.
 PRAY that we would express our love for God and His Church by watching the sermon either by DVD or online and connecting with a small group.
 PRAY that God will draw many to Himself in this difficult time.
 PRAY for YOUR ONE.
 PRAY for the AWANA ministry. There are still several leader positions that need to be filled.
 PRAY for the Thunderbird Banner Hospital prayer drive and food delivery tonight at 7:00. (Please join the prayer drive)
 PRAY for Nathan and Becky F. as they prepare to return to Indonesia.
 PRAY for the people of Puluk in Indonesia to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.
 PRAY for Dr. John and Karen T. and Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. to be able to return to the mission-field soon.

Our Mission: To Care as Jesus CARES:

PRAY that we will love each other and reach out to our membership and encourage one another. Go through the church directory and try to connect with someone *each day*.
 PRAY that God will continue to use the FOOD BOX MINISTRY to bring people to Himself and that we would keep the food pantry well stocked.
 PRAY for the hospital workers, first responders and police officers to be drawn to God and to be filled with His strength, love, and ability.
 PRAY for all of our schools/teachers/administrators/and all workers as they prepare for a new school year facing difficulties never before encountered.
 PRAY for us all to be a source of light in the darkness of racial prejudice.
 PRAY that we will each be faithful to give financially to Apollo Baptist Church so that we can have the funds to continuing ministering.

Our Church Family:

PRAY for Pastor Gary and our other pastors (Pastor Jim, Pastor Reginald, Pastor Brian) as they seek God's way to effectively lead our church.
 PRAY for us as a church family to grow in our devotion and our discipleship.
 PRAY for our deacons to be able to keep up with their families and contacts effectively.
 PRAY for our Sunday School leaders to find ways to keep in touch with their class/department.
 PRAY for the office staff in the challenges they face as they work from home.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- ASU West College Ministry: Please pray for the student leaders and others that Christ will be magnified despite the COVID restrictions.
 - August 15-16 Move-in for out-of-state students
 - August 20 First day of class (combination of virtual and in-person)
 - August 27 Christian Challenge Connection Night — This is an evangelistic event where we engage students with discussions around spiritual topics. We have significant unknowns as to how we will run this event based on COVID restrictions.
 - Sept. 3 First Christian Challenge Meeting
- Michelle L. is in the hospital because of severe migraine headaches and nausea.
- Pastor Gary's maternal grandfather passed away last Sunday after a long battle with dementia. Services were yesterday.
- Victoria A.'s mother passed away August 5. Services will be on August 21.
- Marge D. and Tom M. both have surgery on Wednesday, August 19.
- Wayne and Twila D. have both hurt themselves because of a fall.
- Larry D. had a brain bleed on Monday, August 3. He is now home after surgery and is doing outpatient physical therapy.
- Mary R.'s kidney function has worsened. Please pray for healing and wisdom.
- Twyla H. is home from the hospital, but still battling a persistent urinary tract infection.
- Phil and Barb K. are recovering from COVID and grieving the death of their son (who died from COVID).
- Brenda R. is experiencing bone pain from cancer. The doctors are trying to coordinate a bone marrow transplant.
- Wanda and Tom H.'s son, Derek, was diagnosed with stage 2 colon cancer. Treatments are in process followed by surgery in December.
- Mary C., daughter of Janette C., is being treated for stage 3 breast cancer. Pray for healing and for their hearts to turn to Christ.
- James and Julena's unborn child (Daryl and Linda S's grandchild) has a significant chromosomal disorder with many life-threatening issues. Pray for peace, comfort and healing.
- Two friends of Elyse M. are struggling with their relationship. Pray for reconciliation.
- Debbie P.'s son needs emotional healing and her daughter is facing another surgery.
- Pray for Julia B.'s family. Her brother's family has cut off the entire family. Pray for reconciliation and healing.
- Others of which you are aware.
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