**HANNAH PRAYS TO THE LORD**

1 Samuel 1:1-2:11

Key Verses 1:10-11

1. How is Elkanah’s family described and what was the problem of the family (1:1-8; 1Chronicles 6:25-27)? Why was Hannah not satisfied with Elkanah’s love? (1:8)

2. How was her decision to pray to the Lord a turning point in her life? (9-11) How are Hannah’s prayer and vow described? (1:10-11; cf. Psalm 18:6)

3. Who was Eli and how did he misunderstand Hannah? (1:9,13b-14) What does this show about the moral decay of the time? (Judges 21:25)

4. How did prayer change Hannah? (1:18; 1John 5:14-15) How did God answer her prayer and what is the significance of her naming her son Samuel? (1:19-20)

5. How would it have been difficult for Hannah to keep her vow? (24-28) In what ways did she express her faith? How did God bless her? (2:20-21)

6. In her prayer, what was Hannah’s source of joy? (2:1) Through her struggles, what did she learn about God and his sovereignty? (2:2-9) What was her vision? (2:10)