

Communion Meditation – Hannah’s Prayer

1 Sam 1.8-18 “Hannah is Hopeful” December 30th, 2018

Brief Recap

- Hannah was one of two wives of Elkanah – she had no children
- Her rival, Peninnah, had both sons and daughters, and taunted Hannah
- This went on for years, making Hannah miserable
- Elkanah loved Hannah (**v5, 8**) – but he was part of the problem

Hannah Makes a Vow

- **v10** ~ “she was in bitterness of soul .. prayed .. wept in anguish”
- **Read v11** ~ Hannah makes Nazirite vow

Eli Confronts / Comforts Hannah

- **vss 12-14** ~ Eli presumes Hannah is drunk
- **vss 15-16** ~ Hannah shares her burden with Eli
- **v17** ~ Eli pronounces blessing upon Hannah
- **v18** ~ Hannah is comforted in spirit / no longer miserable but hopeful

Lessons from Hannah

- **v10** ~ “she was in bitterness of soul – prayed – wept in anguish”
- **v11** ~ “look on the affliction of your maidservant and remember me”
 - What “affliction”? / Hannah loved & treated well by Elkanah
 - The taunting by Peninnah (**Prv 24.17-18**) / Hannah not bitter towards her
- **v15** ~ Hannah is “of sorrowful spirit” but “poured out soul before the Lord”

Lessons from Eli

- **v14** ~ Instead of ignoring her, Eli confronts her in his suspicion
- **v17** ~ He realizes his mistake and comforts her

Hannah “poured out her soul before the Lord” (v15)

Eli willing to get involved – He confronted Hannah, then comforted her

God sent Eli to Hannah to give her the comfort she sought and needed

Highlight end of v7 vs v18 / We minister in one another’s lives