

Communion Meditation – Hannah’s Prayer

1 Sam 2.1 “Hannah is Saved” May 12th, 2019

Recap of Earlier Messages

- “Hannah is Miserable” ~ 1 Sam 1.1-7 ~ tormented by Peninnah
- “Hannah is Comforted” ~ 1 Sam 1.8-18 ~ comforted by Eli’s prayer
- “God Answers Prayer” ~ 1 Sam 1.19-20 ~ given a son by God
- “Hannah is Faithful” ~ 1 Sam 1.21-28 ~ honors her promise

v1b ~ “My heart rejoices in the Lord”

- Elkanah was concerned that Hannah would not give Samuel up
 - Yet now – at the moment she’s given him up – she speaks this prayer
 - She’s filled – not with sadness – but with joy and contentment
- Until this moment Elkanah may have believed it was due to having Samuel

v1c ~ “My horn is exalted in the Lord”

- “Horn” is synonymous with strength / Hannah feels invincible
- For years she’d been miserable due to the taunts of Peninnah

v1d ~ “I smile at my enemies”

- Though Hannah has just given Samuel over to God she is joyful
- She can smile at Peninnah – not a sneer

v1e ~ “Because I rejoice in Your salvation”

- Now we come to the reason – the “because”
- It’s not because she’s had a son – but because she knows the Lord

“Knowing God” Quote at Start of Chapter Two

- “I walked in the sunshine .. I’ve known God and they haven’t”

Hannah desperately wanted a son – and God gave one to her

She gave him back to God (*as promised*) with no regrets

“Would you willingly give to God the deepest desire of your heart?”

You will if you know and trust in God’s love for you

God gave His best to us – We ought also to give our best to God