

Communion Meditation – Hannah’s Prayer

1 Sam 2.3 “God Judges Man” June 16th, 2019

Recap of Earlier Messages

- Hannah miserable / comforted / given a son / returns him to God
- Hannah’s prayer – She knows God / God is a unique rock

v3a ~ “Talk no more so very proudly” (-- Overbearing --)

- Peninnah in mind - “You don’t have any children because . . .”
 - “Taunting” is not only done by children / Done by the “childish” also
 - “Children can be cruel” / Yes – but not all children are cruel . . .
 - Examine yourself / your family ~ “Does joking / taunting lead to fights?”
- Pride reflects a judgmental attitude / they reinforce one another

v3b ~ “Let no arrogance come from your mouth”

- We must “hear” ourselves / It’s uncomfortable – we can cringe
 - !!!: Sonic corn dogs – “Oh man!” / Words reflect the heart
- Review your words / But not just for quality of speaking
 - !!!: Buddhist meme – Cash register / “Change comes from within”
 - Examine your words to assess the condition of your heart
 - !!!: Cliché’d response – “Do you hear yourself?”

v3c ~ “the Lord is the God of knowledge”

- God knows everything / We cannot fool Him
 - We devote a lot of energy to deceiving ourselves and others
 - Read **2 Sam** about David’s sin c/Bathsheba, Amnon, Tamar, & Absalom
 - God watched all of this unfold / He was not surprised / Same c/us

v3d ~ “and by Him actions are weighed”

- But God always weighs our actions against His perfect knowledge
- We think if we can produce a reasonable excuse that we’re vindicated
 - We repeatedly seek to justify our bad actions / behavior
 - But God judges us by our character / “Are we humble?”

Let’s commit to listen to ourselves – to hear ourselves truly / honestly
Are we being Truthful? Humble? Or are we being Arrogant? Proud?