

Communion Meditation – Hannah’s Prayer

1 Sam 2.6 “God Rules Death” July 21st, 2019

Recap of Earlier Messages

- Hannah miserable / comforted / given a son / returns him to God
- Hannah’s prayer – She’s saved / God unique and holy / God rules over man
 - Vss 4-5 – reversals – or – “**Man Rules Nothing**”

v6a ~ “The Lord kills”

- This doesn’t mean the Lord sometimes kills, or the Lord kills as others do
 - It means “**The Lord is the one Who kills**” / All death is God’s doing
- **Psalm 139.16** reads, “**All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.**”
- **Mat 10.29** ~ Jesus said, “**Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will.**”

v6b ~ “and makes alive”

- God alone creates life / Man toys with God’s creation like a toddler
- **///: Hudson playing** – standing on books, throwing legos
- **///: Four Pests Campaign** (1958 Mao) – mosquitos, flies, rats, sparrows
 - With sparrows dead, insects overran China – famine ensued
 - 45 million died – one area people ate mud – hardened like concrete

v6c ~ “He brings down to the grave”

- All life is under God’s control
- I marvel at the plan of God / that all life and death have significance
- “**Grave**” presupposes human death / Death with dignity towards corpse

v6d ~ “and brings up”

- Some commentators read this as nearing death’s door
 - i.e. Some go on to die while God raises others from their death bed
- But this appears to hint at resurrection from the dead

We serve the God Who controls all life / Who infuses all life with meaning

We come to this Table for spiritual nourishment – Ecc 6.7 ~ “All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the soul is not satisfied.”