

Communion Meditation – Hannah’s Prayer

1 Sam 2.11,18-21 “Hannah is Blessed” Aug 25th, 2019

Summary of Hannah’s Life ~ (Series began last December)

- Hannah was the first wife of Elkanah – “the Lord has closed her womb”
- Elkanah’s second wife, Peninah, had children and tormented Hannah
- Hannah promised her child to God should she have one – She did and did
- Hannah poured out prayer of praise & thanksgiving to God (**1 Sam 2.1-10**)

v11b,18 ~ “.. child ministered to the Lord before Eli .. wearing a linen ephod”

- Samuel was Ephraimite – not Levite / not son of Aaron – yet wore linen ephod
- Samuel became a priest of the Lord but outside of the line of Aaron
- Samuel was adopted into a priestly family and became a priest
- Jesus was also a priest outside of Aaron’s line – of “the order of Melchizedek”

Our God is the “God of Exceptions”

- David eating showbread
- People partaking of Passover under Hezekiah though unclean
- Passover celebrated 2nd time month later for those that missed it
- Levites assisting priests during revival because they’re too few
- God’s mercy towards us leads to Him making exceptions for us
- Greatest exception / God accepting us though we’re guilty sinners

v20 ~ “.. Eli would bless Elkanh and his wife .. Lord give you descendants ..”

- Eli again prayed that God would bless Hannah and He did
- Hannah would have been content to remain at home without children
- But our God is not only merciful but extremely generous
- God blessed Hannah with 3 more sons and 2 daughters
- Hannah had become content with God alone
- But then God poured out even more blessings / Blessings in abundance

God loved Hannah and expressed His love through generosity

God accepted Samuel and adopted him as a priest in His service

God accepts and adopts us as priests in His service