

A Mother's Love

1 Samuel 1:1-28



Children Are a Blessing From the Lord

- **Psalm 127:3** - Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.
- **Psalm 128:3** - Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

A Godly Wife – The Example of Hannah

- **Proverbs 18:22** - He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD.
 - **Proverbs 19:14** - House and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.
 - **Proverbs 14:1** - The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands. (NKJV)
- **Let us celebrate today all the Godly women who follow in the path of Hannah.**

Polygamy – Not the Original Plan of the Lord

- **1 Samuel 1:1-2** - There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. ² He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

God's Original Design for Marriage and Family

- The Holy Scriptures declare the original intent of marriage and family:
- **Genesis 1:26-27** - ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.
- **Genesis 2:24-25** - ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

God's Plan for Marriage and Family

New Testament

- **Matthew 19:4-6** - ⁴ He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh”? ⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”
- **1 Corinthians 7:2** - ² But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.

Bitter Rivalry

- **1 Samuel 1:4-8** - ⁴ On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. ⁶ And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. ⁷ So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸ And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

Rivalry – Sarah and Hagar

- **Genesis 21:9-10** - ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac.”

Year After Year

- **1 Samuel 1:6-7** - ⁶ And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. ⁷ So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat.

Hannah's Vow

- **1 Samuel 1:9-11** - ⁹ After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰ She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. ¹¹ And she vowed a vow and said, “O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head.”

Seriousness of a Vow to the Lord

- **Numbers 30:2** - ² If a man vows a vow to the Lord, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.
- **Matthew 5:34-37** - ³³ “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.

Humility and Strength of Hannah

- **1 Samuel 1:12-18** - ¹² As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. ¹⁴ And Eli said to her, “How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you.” ¹⁵ But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. ¹⁶ Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation.” ¹⁷ Then Eli answered, “Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him.” ¹⁸ And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

Proverbs 31:25-30 - Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:

²⁹ “Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”

³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Hannah's Blessing – Samuel

- **1 Samuel 1:19-21** - ⁹ They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰ And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, “I have asked for him from the Lord.”

God Hears Our Prayers

- **1 John 5:14-15** - ¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

A Mother's Influence

- **1 Samuel 1:21-23** - ²¹ The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²² But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there forever.” ²³ Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him.

Children Learn About Jesus From Their Mothers

- **Proverbs 22:6** - Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Letting Go

- **1 Samuel 1:25-28** - ²⁵ Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶ And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. ²⁷ For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸ Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord.”

A silhouette of a woman lifting a child into the air against a warm, golden sunset background. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and reflecting on the water below. The woman's arms are raised, and the child is in mid-air, with their legs and arms outstretched. The overall mood is joyful and affectionate.

*M*others hold their
children's hands for just
a little while,
and their hearts forever.