

## Hannah's Prayer of Thanksgiving 1 Samuel: 2:1-10

### INTRODUCTION

Have you ever thought about **that God is in control and that we need to rejoice in Him**? It is sometimes hard for us to see this when we are going through a difficult time. That's when it can be helpful to hear the testimony of someone else who has gone through a difficult time and has already passed on to the other side. **That's where Hannah's prayer/song comes in today.** This prayer is her testimony, not only of what God has done in her life but of how God operates in all of life. And so, it can be an encouragement to us.

**The prayer does not hover around the issue of the conception of her son. The prayer is about God, and God is on about much more than just that one issue. The prayer is a proclamation of the character of God, a prayer of thanksgiving and praise.**

I. The LORD is \_\_\_\_\_ for He is the \_\_\_\_\_  
God (2:1-3)

A. No one \_\_\_\_\_ like God (2:1)

Given Hannah's refusal to complain about Peninnah or seek God's vengeance, it is unlikely that Hannah has suddenly turned bitter and hateful. Rather, Hannah sees Peninnah as an example of the enemies of God and His people. Hannah now gloats to see the voice of unbelieving mockery silenced because of God's saving grace.

Salvation is always of the Lord, and our praise should be focused on the Lord himself rather than merely on the blessings He has provided. Hannah had not simply received a son—as if a baby would solve all her problems—but had received gracious help from the LORD, and the LORD is the solution for everything that Hannah and Israel needed.

It is of great importance that the source of Hannah's joy and strength is the covenant God Himself. Hannah rejoices not merely that she received something she had wanted. More significant in her eyes than the gift is the Giver: the Lord is her song and her salvation. **The object of Hannah's delight is neither herself—that she has overcome the disgrace of barrenness—nor her son; instead, it is the Lord, who is the source of both her son and her happy circumstance.**

B. No one is \_\_\_\_\_ like God (2:2)

- God's holiness means first of all His \_\_\_\_\_.
- But God's holiness also refers to His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. God is perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Since God is holy, all His intentions for His people are holy.** It is not possible for God's motives to be perverse or callous or mean—even in judgment and especially toward His beloved people.

**Since God is perfectly holy, what truly matters is not what \_\_\_\_\_ befall us in life but our \_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy One.**

C. No one \_\_\_\_\_ like God (2:2)

II. The LORD is \_\_\_\_\_ for He is the \_\_\_\_\_  
God (2:4-8a)

- Do not be \_\_\_\_\_

God is the one who humbles and exalts a person.

D. No one \_\_\_\_\_ all things like God (2:3)

- Do not be \_\_\_\_\_

God is the one who humbles and exalts a person.

**III. The LORD \_\_\_\_\_ for He is the \_\_\_\_\_ God  
(2:8b-10)**

**A. The LORD will \_\_\_\_\_ His people (2:8b-9)**

Part of Hannah's joy was knowing that God knew about her misery all along. His tardiness in changing her situation was not lack of care it was all to do with His timing.

**B. The LORD will \_\_\_\_\_ His enemies (2:9-10a)**

**C. The LORD will give \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_  
(2:10b)**

### **CONCLUSION**

What can we take with us this morning?

**1) Know that the LORD God is in \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2) Remember that God is the one who \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.**

**3) Consider the power of \_\_\_\_\_.**