

Exalting Jesus in 1 Samuel

A King After God's Own Heart

Hannah's Praise

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Part 4

I. How God Has Worked Personally in Hannah's Life. vv.1-3

Cf. Jer.9:23,24

II. How God Works Generally in the World. vv.4-8

Cf. Matt.5:3ff.

III. How God Will Work Ultimately in the Last Day. vv.9,10

Cf. Psa.92:10; Jn.1:41

"The saving help Yahweh gave Hannah is a foretaste, a scale-model demonstration of how Yahweh will do it when He does it in grand style. Each one of Christ's flock should ingest this point into his or her thinking. Every time God lifts you out of the miry bog and sets your feet upon a rock is a sample of the coming of the kingdom of God, a down payment of the full deliverance, the macro-salvation that will be yours at last. True, such tiny salvations are only samples or signs of the final salvation...You should not despise or demean these little salvations Yahweh works in your behalf, these little clues He gives, these clear but small evidences He leaves that He is king and that He has this strange way of raising up the poor from the dust and lifting the needy from the ash heap to make them sit in the heavenly realms with Jesus Christ. Ponder every episode of Yahweh's saving help to you; It will help you to believe Luke 12: 32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

(Dale Davis, 1 Samuel, Looking on the Heart, p.25)