

# The Needful Duty of A Mother: Prayer

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*“So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD. 10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. 11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. 12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth. 13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. 14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. 15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD. 16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto. 17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him. 18 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad. 19 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her. 20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.” 1 Samuel 1:9 - 20*

This morning I would like to speak to all those who are mothers and those who will be mother's one day. We shall see in this text one of the most precious examples of motherhood and parenting that should be in every mother and father's heart regarding our children.

Now, the celebration and tradition of Mother's Day is no doubt of human origin. It is NOT prescribe or taught in the Word of God and is not morally binding on anyone and I would rather not celebrate it on the Lord's Day, because this day, Sunday is set apart for the honor of Christ alone and nothing should detract us from this. The only reason, I do preach on this subject is because in the Decalogue we are commanded to Honor our Father's and Mother's. Exodus 20:5, *“Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.”* Thus, there is a need to honor and recognize mothers.

There are 5 things I would like to share with you this morning:

- I. Hannah's Problem.**
- II. Hannah's Prayer.**
- III. Hannah's Prevailing.**
- IV. Hannah's Promise.**
- V. Hannah's Praise.**

I do not want us for one moment to consider the aspect of Mother's Day as the means of mere commercialism. Nor do we want to consider it from the prospective of the Feminist moment which is unbiblical and rejects God's true role for women. I sorry to say this, but it

is true that the sacredness of motherhood has been lost in our society. I believe that Christianity has caved in to the assault on true Christian values regarding motherhood from the Feminist movement. Just because a culture or society has its own definition concerning what is the duty of a wife and mother, it doesn't take away what the Bible has to say on the matter regarding a wife and a mother. Now, I know that some of you have to work and I understand that, but again it does not in any form, manner or shape removes the truth about what the Bible says regarding the role of a wife and mother. God's unchanging standard is clearly spelled out for us in the Bible, not only for mothers, but for fathers and for all those who name the name of Christ.

Motherhood is a vital part of God's design in creation in Genesis 1:27 & 28, "*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*" I can assure you that there were no gender issues at creation, there was a male and a female, not a male and a male or female with a female, no so clearly established in the Bible, a male and a female. God created the first family as a man and a woman, that is, husband and wife, a man and a woman! We all owe our existence to God and also to the first couple who no doubt is an example to follow as the only divine ordained pattern for the most blessed intimate in human relationships. Adam also understood the calling of his wife's divine role in Genesis 3:20, "*And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.*" I think that society in general needs to relearn the Biblical virtues of motherhood if we are to find true respect for human life. Without true Biblical motherhood the heart is gone from the home and society suffers because of this void and it does not take a village to raise children, no it takes the heart of a true God fearing MOTHER to raise children!

There are many examples of the virtues of motherhood in the Bible and we have one before us this morning in the life of Hannah: The name Hannah means grace. Most of us know that Hannah was the mother of the judge and prophet Samuel. She is mentioned in the beginning of 1 Samuel as she lived in the period of Israel when the age of the Judges came to an end. The book of Judges ends in a sad note and the last verse in the book tells is all, Judges 21:25, "*In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*" Sounds like America where everyone does that which is right is their own eyes, God helps us, that era needed godly mothers and no doubt this 21<sup>st</sup> century needs godly mothers.

This tells us basically the time period in which Hannah lived, but regardless of how other people lived or what they did, Hannah sought to live a godly life before God and before

man in the midst of such an ungodly time. As we consider the essence of motherhood in the life of Hannah the first thing we want to consider is:

## **I. Hannah's Problem.**

The first thing we will consider is Hannah's problem. I would like to first say that Hannah was a woman of faith, but just because she was a woman of faith it did not prevent her from having problems. Godly faithful people are not exempt from trials and tribulations and we see this in the life of Hannah. Hannah's problem or trial is seen in the first 8 verses of 1 Samuel 1, where we read that the Lord had closed her womb and she was not able to have children and secondly she was callously provoked by her rival. Her husband is Elkanah which means God has possessed or God has created. The practice of polygamy is not a Biblical teaching and was not God's intention nor did it have His blessings, but this was a time when everyone was doing what was right in their own eyes and Elkanah had yielded to the pressure of the pagan custom of that day. His first wife was Hannah she was his true love, but as years passed it was obvious she was barren. No doubt, Hannah felt bad about this and it was made worse, that, because she was unable to have children, Elkanah took a second wife named Penninah and she was not barren. The house was filled with children, but not one of them was hers. No doubt that this brought much heartache to Hannah's heart and worse was the fact that Penninah could not keep quiet about her children and purposely torched her, by taunting and mocking her. No doubt, this was a dagger plunged into the heart and soul of this godly woman of faith. She had a struggle and a battle which no doubt was a problem.

Now according to the word of God, all men were required to observe and offer sacrifices 3 times during the year. In Shiloh was located the tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant. The Feast of Tabernacles was celebrated which were times of rejoicing in God's blessings in their harvest. When Elkanah's family arrived, he followed the custom of his people in their sacrifices as he offered a portion to Peninnah and each of his children, but he always provided a double portion for Hannah because of his great love for her.

Hannah, in spite of her favored status with Elkanah was in misery and also depressed and the mocking's didn't help one bit, but the problem was that they got worse when they were in Shiloh. Whether Elkanah knew or not what Peninnah was doing, he notice that Hannah was depressed and wouldn't eat and in verse 8 it says, *"Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?"*

There 3 things that kept Hannah going in the midst of her PROBLEM, in other words in all of this hardship and pain, she walked by faith and not by sight, what a glorious testimony

because sometimes we think that when things don't go our way we can do and act anyway we want. Can you imagine if she had challenge Peninnah in a nasty verbal or physical exchange which some might think she had every right? This is the difference if we call ourselves Christians, we are to be governed by the Word of God, not our feelings by arguing and fighting in public, because this was said to us or this was done to us. Hannah had a tremendous testimony and again walked by faith and not by sight! Hannah lived by that principle that, we cannot control trials that come into our lives, but we can control the way we respond to those trials and no doubt Hannah responded with flying colors! There are 3 things that stand out which really should belong in our 3<sup>rd</sup> point under Hannah's Prevailing:

1. Her Dedication to God. She had a faith that demonstrated her relationship with God, which was genuine and growing. Mothers are you dedicated to God, first and foremost about all other things?

2. Her Devotion to her husband. She was devoted to her husband in spite of all her problems; no doubt she deeply loved and respected her husband. Mothers do you honor and respect your husband? If you don't I can assure you your children will know. She was dedicated to her husband regardless of problems in our family lives.

3. Her Determination to PRAY! In spite of all her pain and problems, she would give herself over to prayer. Thus, the title to my sermon today, The Needful Duty of A Mother: PRAYER! I don't care what position you have in life mothers, I don't care if you are a president or CEO of a company, nothing in this world removes you from your first and foremost duty not to MAN, i.e.; secular humanism, but to GOD, that is; to be A MOTHER, A GODLY MOTHER and have such a determination to pray for your children, for your husband and so forth.

This leads us to second point which will be my longest point of all 5:

## **II. Hannah's Prayer.**

No sooner that they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh that Hannah stood up to pray and Eli the priest was sitting by the doorpost of the LORD's Temple and in verses 10-13 we have Hannah's prayer, "*And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. 11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. 12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth. 13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.*" What a short but powerful prayer, her whole heart and soul is poured out before God. Reminds me of the words of the Psalmist in Ps.62:8,

*"Trust in him at all times; ye people, **pour out your heart before him**: God is a refuge for us. Selah."*  
Hannah got down to what was bothering her and she got to the point!

Not only did Hannah pray that if the Lord gave her a son, she would give him back to the Lord. What faith, because she understood that her husband Elkanah was not the source of children, GOD WAS! She clearly understood that children are the gift of God.

So she prayed fervently in her heart and we know the rest of the story, but of course she didn't, but we do and we know that the Lord blessed her with a precious boy named Samuel who was going to be greatly used of the Lord. If she had spent her time complaining and murmuring about Peninnah and praying that lightning would strike her, she would have missed this great blessing, not only for her but for the whole nation of Israel. Samuel would be the last judge of Israel and would also be a prophet who would commence the blessing of anointing Israel's first kings. Hannah's prayer was prevailing and effectual.

Robert Murray M'Cheyne, a great man of prayer who lived in the nineteenth century, said, *"A man is what he is on his knees before God and nothing more."* J. C. Ryle who also lived in the nineteenth century, said *"I have come to the conclusion that the great majority of professing Christians do not pray at all."* He continues by saying, *"Prayer will either consume sin or sin will choke prayer."* I've finally up my running from 1 to 2 to 3 miles in one set 2 to 3 times a week, I'm hoping to get to the point that I can do it every day, we spend so much time in the aspect of physical exercise, but so sad that we neglect the spiritual exercise of prayer. We spent so much time to be physically fit, but what about being spiritually fit?

The problem is that we have become so self-sufficient and sometimes we just don't see the need to pray unless we are in a needful situation. May God grace us to be a prayerful people, not only on Wednesday nights when we meet for prayer? I've heard some say, I don't what to say when I try to pray to excuse their prayerlessness, but why is it then when someone crosses us or does something to us we are never short of words to complain, I mean if someone cuts in front of us while we are driving, we never says, I don't know what to say, maybe, you shouldn't do that, oh no it comes out so seasoned and flows easily to complain, but we get in our prayer closets and we say I don't know what to say, God helps us! Ryle says so true, *"God has no dumb children."* Prayer is the spiritual breathing of God's

children. Prayer is us talking to God and the Bible is God talking to us. Let us now consider the prayer of Hannah and 3 things in particular:

1. The Substance of Her Prayer. (The Content)
2. The Solace of Her Prayer (The Comfort)
3. The Satisfaction of Her Prayer.(The Answer)

First, we have the substance or contents of her prayer, in verses 10 and 11, “...*prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. 11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts...*” We see that she prayed unto the LORD and made a vow and said, O LORD of hosts or if you wish, O LORD Almighty, that is; O LORD of Sabaoth, which means the LORD of armies. It speaks of that which goes forth, the host or leader of an army in war. It speaks of a host of an army, a host of angels, it speaks of the host of creation, the sun, the moon and stars the whole of creation and has to do also with service. Interesting to note, that this is the first time in the Bible, that this phrase “O LORD of hosts” is used and the first time that the phrase “LORD of hosts” is used is in verse 3. It is a term that describes God in His infinite resources; He is a God beyond compare. There is no doubt that Hannah knew that the same God who had closed her womb was the same God who could open her womb, because He was a Sovereign God, that is, He is THE LORD OF HOSTS, the God who is almighty! Instead of bringing her problems to the high priest Eli, she took her woes to the LORD OF HOSTS! How sad is it for us to share our troubles and woes with common man and yet will not speak to the LORD SABAOTH the LORD ALMIGHTY about our woes and troubles! She fasted and prayed and sought the Lord in faith. She made a vow, “*And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.*” Hannah prayed in faith, faith is the heartbeat of Christianity; Hannah believed and trusted in God and ask Him to look upon her affliction and to remember her. Why, because she believed what she believed, she knew that God and God alone was the only that could help her, this is why she addressed Him as GOD ALMIGHTY, the LORD OF HOSTS! Maybe Hannah knew

what God had done for Sarah, Rebekah and Rachel and if the same God could cause their barren wombs to bear children and so she believed and trusted God for her needs. Hannah knew her husband could help her, nor could anyone else for that matter and so she entreats God with such earnestness and passion as she saturated her prayer with tears and faith, verse 10, *“And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.”* Maybe if our prayers were wetter and less dry, God might meet our needs, heartless prayers are worthless prayers. Even Christ prayed with such earnestness in tears, Hebrews 5:7, *“Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with **strong crying and tears** unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared.”*

The substance of her prayer was filled with perseverance notice in verse 12, *“And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD...”* It wasn't a two minute drill prayer or prayer we pray over our meals, no Hannah was not in a hurry to leave the presence of her God. She was pouring out her soul and heart to God as though she said those celebrating the feast, let others eat, drink and merry in celebrating, but she was going to seek the God of her salvation as she prayed more and more. We have heard of Jacob spending the night wrestling with God, no doubt I believe Hannah was wrestling with God also, as she was laboring to do the same thing like Jacob saying to God, *“...I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.”* This is the substance and content of her prayer and it was great.

Then we have the solace and or comfort of her prayer. She prayed with a heart believing God, trusting God and therefore she prayed BOLDLY before Him. While others were so consume with the feast, she was so consumed with her God. She approached the throne of God boldly with comfort and confidence knowing that God would hear her, because she was in desperate need of mercy and grace, Hebrews 4:16, *“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”*

In verse 13 we see Hannah prayed secretly before God, *“Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard...”* In the comfort of her heart she was pouring

out her petition and supplications to God and was practicing the principle of Christ in Matthew 6:6, *“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.”* She prayed silently in boldness and all that could be seen of her was the moving of her lips without any noise. Hannah was very specific and to the point in her prayer, she didn’t ask give me a child, no she asked specifically: verse 11, *“...look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child ...”* Sometimes our prayer are to general, we must be specific when we come in prayer to God. When we go to the doctor we are very specific, when we go to the store we are specific, as least I am, I go get what I’m looking for, let’s not come with generalities in our prayers to God, no come with specific prayers. General prayers are but mere formalism, specific prayers are real needs. She specifically asked for a MAN CHILD, that is A BOY! This was the solace and comfort in her prayer, she was very SPECIFIC!

The satisfaction in her prayer was that she believed God would hear her, this is why she persevered and placated God with faith, i.e.; she pleased God by asking in faith believing God would answer her, remember she was addressing the LORD of HOSTS, the ALMIGHTY GOD.

Notice again the essence of her prayer:

- She prayed with faith in God’s promise: Verse 10
- She prayed with bitterness of soul in verse 10
- She prayed with offers of a solemn vow in verse 11
- She prayed specifically for a son in verse 11
- She prayed in perseverance in verse 12
- She prayed with all her heart in verse 13

Therefore she prayed fervently, persistently and faithfully, let us learn how to pray in such a godly manner also. We must press on.



### III. Hannah's Prevailing.

What a joy to see Hannah in spite of all her pain and suffering to prevail in prayer before God. It didn't seem like she was going to prevail, because Eli totally mistook her passion, earnestness and fervent as being drunk. Verses 13-15, "*Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. 14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. 15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.*" What a sad judgment by the man of God, he totally misunderstood the blessedness of her prayer for drunkenness! He thought she had had too much wine, but she clearly explains that she was in great sorrow and was pouring out her heart to God. Little did Eli realize that her prayer was going to have a great effect and impact on the nation of Israel! Hannah did not know, but God was going to answer her prayer more abundantly than she had asked, not only did the Lord give Hannah a man child, a boy, the Lord gave Hannah and the people of Israel: A Judge, A Prophet and A Priest! He would be the first prophet to anoint Israel kings. The LORD gave more than she asked for which brings to mind the verse in Eph. 3:20, "*Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.*" Hannah poured out her soul to God and God poured out His blessings to her, to which I call prevailing prayer. The God who had closed Hannah's womb was now about to open it. The LORD of HOSTS, that is, God Almighty did that which was humanly impossible and gave Hannah peace and cause her to prevail.

Let me tell you there is a lot here, but we must press on because of time, notice the prevailing aspect of her prayers in verses 16-20, "*Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto. 17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and **the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.** 18 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, **and her countenance was no more sad.** {I have a feeling that she knew she had prevailed with God, because her countenance completely change} 19 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; **and the LORD remembered her. 20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.**" Amen and AMEN! What a*

blessing. Reminds me of when Jesus rebuked the storm and wind and there was great calm, so now God through Eli spoke peace and a great calm came to the heart of Hannah, look at the end of verse 18 “...and her countenance was no more sad.” When she started to pray it was in such anguish of soul, but it caused her to pray with such great faith and fervency that she glorious prevailed in her prayer before God and before man (Eli). God answered her SPECIFIC prayer, very SPECIFICALLY and then some! Quickly:

#### IV. Hannah’s Promise.

Hannah’s faithful and fervent prayer is seasoned with a promise to God or if you which a VOW to God. Please make sure not to vow or promise to God something you will not do, her prayer and promise was very specific and also very bold. She could have reneged in her promise. I mean after she had Samuel, she could have said, I’m sorry God, but I just can’t let him go. Consider that she was childless and seeks God in prayer and makes a very bold promise and now God’s answers her prayer specifically and could have said again, I can’t let him go, his mine. No this shows clearly what kind of woman and mother she was, she was no doubt a godly mother who believed and trusted whole heartily in the God of her SALVATION! Look again at verses 10 and 11, “*And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. 11 **And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.***” Wow what a request by Hannah, the Lord answered her prayed and praise be to God, Hannah kept her end of the vow and gave Samuel to the Lord all the days of his life after she had weaned him and no doubt it must have been hard. It’s not like she just going to send him to school, oh on, she gave him up to the LORD totally. Drop down to verse 21 – 28, “*And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. 22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever. 23 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him. 24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto*

*the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young. 25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli. 26 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. 27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: 28 Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.”* What a godly mother with such great faith as she kept her end of the vow and gave Samuel unconditionally to God. I believe that Hannah honored God and because she honored God, she prevailed. Notice the words of 1 Samuel 2:30, “*Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; **for them that honour me I will honour**, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.”* Lastly:

## **V. Hannah’s Praise.**

In all of this you see the essence of Hannah’s faith in God, she did not give Samuel to God with regrets, anger or anguish of soul, no she did it with a willing heart and no sooner than she gives Samuel to God, that she begins to sing God’s praises, wow, this is so fascinating, what a blessing to see such faith and integrity in this godly mother.

Look at her prayer of praise and also her song of praise in chapter 2. Hannah did not complain, but in great joy gave him back to God and then turned around and PRAISED GOD! Before we read this blessed prayer and song of praise, let me just say in passing that Hannah has more theology than most pastors of our day. Notice the blessed words of praise in 1 Samuel:1-10, “*And Hannah prayed, and said, **My heart rejoiceth in the LORD**, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. 2 There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God. 3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by his actions are weighed. 4 The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. 5 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. 6 The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. 7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. 8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD’S, and he hath set the world upon them. 9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. 10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the*

*LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.*” WOW, oh my dear ones this is sound theology, this is theology 101, no doubt, she knows the God of her salvation, not in sentiments but in powerful TRUTH, what a godly sound theological mother! Oh to God that all mothers were this sound, what a different world this would be, because mothers have a big effect in our society. What a blessed saint of God to emulate mothers, I hope you go back and read and re-read this blessed story of Hannah, because she clearly sets before us, **THE NEEDFUL DUTY OF A MOTHER: PRAYER!**