

# *A Committed Mother*

1 Samuel 1-2 (310); Leviticus 27:1-8 (146)  
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## Introduction

- Dr. Benjamin Carson's tribute to his mom
- Committed mothers are to be commended

## *A Committed Mother—Hannah*

### **A. Voicing Her Commitment -- 1 Samuel 1:11**

### **B. Viewing Her Commitment**

#### **1. Commitments are Binding.**

- a. God holds us to our commitments—Ecclesiastes 5:4-5
- b. Many today take a light view of commitment
- c. Hannah could have built a case for commitment under duress.
  - 1) Hannah was wife #2 in a polygamous marriage.
    - a) God's definition of Marriage—Mark 10:6-9
    - b) Polygamy is not God's ideal
    - c) God allowed and regulated polygamy—Deut. 21
    - d) Polygamous relationships full of tension
  - 2) Hannah was childless—1 Samuel 1:2
    - a) Childlessness a "curse" from God—Deut. 7; Ps. 128
    - b) Children a "sign" of God's blessing
  - 3) Hannah caught in a "Love-Hate Triangle"—1 Sam. 1:4-7
    - a) Still #1 wife in husband's mind—loves her
    - b) Other wife hates her and makes her life miserable
  - 4) Hannah's husband does not understand—1 Sam. 1:8
  - 5) Hannah's spiritual leader maligns her—1 Sam. 1:12-18

#### **2. Commitment involves Sacrifice.**

- a. We want "commitments" that cost us nothing.
- b. Hannah's commitment cost her Samuel, her son!
- c. Her commitment involved a WILLING Sacrifice—Lev. 27:1-8
  - 1) Could have paid CASH and kept the child
  - 2) They willingly CHOSE to lend Samuel to the LORD

#### **3. Commitments are built on commitment to God**

- a. Hannah's commitment to God—1 Samuel 2:1-11
- b. Our fundamental commitment—Romans 12:1