

Petitions: Prevailing Prayer

REVIEW: PETITIONS / SUPPLICATION. 1 Timothy 2:1

INTRO: Hannah's family MUST grow! Why wasn't it growing? What about our churches? Didn't Christ command us? **Matthew 28; Acts 1:8.**

- **Beware.** How often we go to prayer without really asking for anything?
- **Petitions come because you know that God needs to act!**
- The first mention of the word " _____ " in the Bible makes up a perfect example of how to have _____ in prayer. *1 Samuel 1:1-20*
- **Need:** Hannah has a wonderful husband, **but her joy was not _____.** Hannah has a problem. It is bigger than her own ability. **VS 6-8:** She was a barren woman, mocked and ridiculed.
- The other woman, Peninnah, is a _____. She was working to turn Elkanah's heart from Hannah. *Compare 2 Corinthians 10:12*
- **VS 7:** Notice the times when the adversary provoked her. It was on the feast days. A time when the family would be looking to draw close to God. Beware! **1 Peter 5:8**
- **Vs 5, 8:** Hannah had a great marital relationship with a loving husband. but no children to raise. **PICTURE:** Isn't Jesus better to us than 10 disciples?
- **The depression was real!** She had legit reasons for it.
- Yet Hannah was true to her _____! She new she needed God's _____!

Key to victory: Hannah's desperate _____ forces her to her _____. Vs 10

1. Hannah was _____.

- She understood **Psalm 127:3 Compare John 15:16**
Hannah could not have children. She was barren. She was unfruitful. **2 Peter 1:3-8**
- Don't miss the picture! Hannah's prayer is a request for a supernatural birth!

2. Hannah Prayed _____.

- **Illustration:** your prayer for salvation.
You were in A NO HOPE situation. You were a "dead man a walking"
YOU HAD TO TAKE GOD AT HIS WORD! When you TRUSTED Christ, you by faith, RECKONED yourself alive unto God. (Romans 6:11) You had to take God at His Word.
- Hannah prayed believingly. She "went her way, and did eat, **and her countenance was no more sad."** **1 Peter 5:6-7**

HANNAH UNDERSTOOD THAT THE LORD WANTED TO BLESS HER! He is a good God and Father. **Luke 11:9-13; Psalm 37:4-5; 1 John 5:13-15; Matthew 21:21-22**

3. Hannah prayed _____. Psalm 66:18-20

- **Vs 9-11:** Hannah vowed to live in the victory given her according to God's Word. **John 15:7** She purposed in her heart, that if the Lord will in mercy, relieve her affliction, that if God would act in her life, then she would consecrate His gift back to Him, entirely to His service.
- **Pro tip:** Don't worry about the technicalities of prayer. Simply cast your care on the Lord.

4. Hannah prayed _____.

- **Vs 12:** Christians claim to take petitions to God, but then run to the world in their OWN power and wisdom to try and handle the situations that God has placed in their life to prove his provision for them.
- Note: Even her pastor is kicking her while she's down! (Vs 14)
- **Principle:** When you get all out for God, it's not unusual for other believers to give you the beat down. To criticize you when they should be encouraging you to move forward in faith. **2 Samuel 6.**

Consider Eli as a source: (1 Sam 4) He was a terrible father (1 Sam 2) and a glutton (1 Sam 4.)

- **Vs 15-16:** Conversely, Hannah was mature. She worked out issues with people. **Prov 15:1**
- "continue in prayer" –Hannah was consistent in giving her problem to the Lord. **Dan 6:7, 13**

_____ is the _____! Vs 17-18

1. Vs 17: Leaders - Bless the _____ of your brethren.

- **Vs 18:** Hannah's faith.
Her prayer was answered in her heart long before she ever received anything! Did she leave with a baby? NO! But she KNEW that God was going to work everything out.
- Contentment is key! **Philippians 4:11-13**

2. Faith gets _____ and gets to _____! Vs 19-20

- **Faith is the victory that overcomes the world!**
- From barrenness to a baby. Fruitful! From bitter of soul to blessed! Thankful! **(2:1-10)** She received her "man child." The name Samuel means "heard of God." **1 John 5:14-15**
- Will you pray for a *supernatural birth* – and then, in faith, get to work?