

Real Spirituality

How Real People Connect to God

Hannah's Prayer for Family

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1 Samuel 1:4-11; 2:1-10

REAL SPIRITUALITY

Real spirituality is knowing _____ as he _____, and _____ to _____.

THE ANATOMY OF HANNAH'S PAIN

1. The loss of _____ and wealth.
 2. The loss of _____.
 3. Believing the lack of the gift was a sign of God's _____.
- An idol is a _____ thing that becomes an _____, when only God can be the ultimate one.
 - The only way to escape our culture's idol systems is by having _____ and his _____ as more important than all else.

HOW HANNAH'S HEART CHANGES

- Hannah "arose" and _____.
 - Real spirituality starts here: recognizing not just your _____ things, but also the _____ things you look to as idols.
- Hannah began to _____.
 - She's asking God to _____ her, by _____ what God is like.
- Before, God was the _____ and having a son was the _____. Now God and his mission is the _____, and the son is just the _____. She has shifted her _____.

THE SECRET IN HANNAH'S SONG

- Hannah did not know exactly how God was going to use her _____ to bring about _____. But you and I have something she didn't have. We have the _____.
- The love and affirmation and sufficiency Hannah was after is found in _____, if you will have it.

1 Samuel 1:4-11

⁴ Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶ And because the LORD had closed her womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. ⁷ This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat.

⁸ Elkanah her husband would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?" ⁹ Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on a chair by the doorpost of the LORD's temple.

¹⁰ In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD. ¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Then Hannah prayed and said:

"My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my horn is lifted high.

My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance.

² "There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

³ "Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the Lord is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed.

⁴ "The bows of the warriors are broken, but those who stumbled are armed with strength.

⁵ Those who were full hire themselves out for food, but those who were hungry are hungry no more. She who was barren has borne seven children, but she who has had many sons pines away.

⁶ "The Lord brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up.

⁷ The Lord sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts.

⁸ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor. "For the foundations of the earth are the Lord's; on them he has set the world.

⁹ He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness. "It is not by strength that one prevails;

¹⁰ those who oppose the Lord will be broken.

The Most High will thunder from heaven; the Lord will judge the ends of the earth. "He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."

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