

IV. PRAY CONFIDENTLY

17 Then Eli answered and said, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him."

18 And she said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad." I Samuel 1:17-18

"14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him." I John 5:14-15

V. PRAY WORSHIPFULLY

"26 And she said, "O my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to the LORD.

27 For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition which I asked of Him.

28 Therefore I also have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the LORD." So they worshiped the LORD there." I Samuel 1:26-28

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker." Psalm 95:6

VI. PRAY THANKFULLY

"1 And Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation.

2 "No one is holy like the LORD, For there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God." I Samuel 2:1-2

" Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name." Hebrews 13:15

WOMEN WHO WIN

Hannah: Winning At Prayer

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INTRODUCTION

A. Women in the Bible played a vital role. They did important and heroic things. They were winners!

"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win." I Corinthians 9:24

B. In this series we will study nine women that were winners. We will learn what they did to win and how we can do the same thing.

The messages include:

May 9 Eve: Winning At Creation

May 16 Rahab: Winning At Faith

TODAY Hannah: Winning At Prayer

May 30 Esther: Winning At Courage

June 6 Mary Magdelene: Winning At Deliverance

June 13 Lydia: Winning At Faithfulness

June 20 Priscilla & Aquila: Winning At Teamwork

June 27 Eunice & Lois: Winning At Parenting And Grandparenting

C. TEXT: I Samuel 1:5-2:2

Hannah is a pivotal person when it comes to the area of prayer. On Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) her story is read to highlight the power of prayer.

This passage actually contains two prayers by Hannah. The first prayer is one of petition, childless Hannah asks God in a desperate and intense personal prayer for a child. The second prayer is one of praise, here Hannah passionately thanks God for answering her prayer for her son Samuel.

ARE YOU WINNING AT PRAYER?

HANNAH: WINNING AT PRAYER

- Hannah was barren.

“But to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, although the LORD had closed her womb.”

I Samuel 1:5

She was physically closed.

- Hannah was burdened.

“6 And her rival also provoked her severely, to make her miserable, because the LORD had closed her womb.

7 So it was, year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, that she provoked her; therefore she wept and did not eat.”

I Samuel 1:6-7

She was socially provoked.

- Hannah was broken.

“Do not consider your maidservant a wicked woman, for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief I have spoken until now.”

I Samuel 1:16

She was emotionally grieved.

- Hannah was blessed.

“19 Then they rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD, and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her.

20 So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, “Because I have asked for him from the LORD.”

I Samuel 1:19-20

She was spiritually remembered.

HOW HANNAH WON AT PRAYER

I. PRAY OBEDIENTLY

“And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish.”

I Samuel 1:10

“It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.”

Psalms 119:71

II. PRAY PURPOSEFULLY

“Then she made a vow and said, “O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.”

I Samuel 1:11

“You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.”

James 4:3

III. PRAY FERVENTLY

“12 And it happened, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli watched her mouth.”

“13 Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she was drunk.

14 So Eli said to her, “How long will you be drunk? Put your wine away from you!”

15 But Hannah answered and said, “No, my lord, I am a woman of sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.”

I Samuel 1:12-15

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

Romans 8:26