

# THE PRAYER THAT CHANGED A NATION!

## Part 1 | Samuel 1

*Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the LORD (10)*

*The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16b*

### What Kind of Prayer REALLY Changes Things?

#### 1. It was a Prayer Born out of \_\_\_\_\_ (1-9)

*There was a man named Elkanah .....<sup>2</sup> Elkanah had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah did not. <sup>3</sup> Each year Elkanah would travel to Shiloh to worship and sacrifice to the LORD of Heaven's Armies at the Tabernacle. ....<sup>4</sup> On the days Elkanah presented his sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to Peninnah and each of her children. <sup>5</sup> And though he loved Hannah, he would give her only one choice portion because the LORD had given her no children. <sup>6</sup> So Peninnah would taunt Hannah and make fun of her because the LORD had kept her from having children. <sup>7</sup> Year after year it was the same—Peninnah would taunt Hannah as they went to the Tabernacle. Each time, Hannah would be reduced to tears and would not even eat <sup>8</sup> "Why are you crying, Hannah?" Elkanah would ask. "Why aren't you eating? Why be downhearted just because you have no children? You have me—isn't that better than having ten sons?"*

*<sup>9</sup> Once after a sacrificial meal at Shiloh, Hannah got up and went to pray. Eli the priest was sitting at his customary place beside the entrance of the Tabernacle. I Samuel 1:1-9*

#### 2. It was a Prayer of \_\_\_\_\_ (11a)

*<sup>11</sup> And she made this vow: "O LORD of Heaven's Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, I Samuel 1:11a*

#### 3. It was a Prayer that Involved \_\_\_\_\_ (11b)

*.....then I will give him back to you. He will be yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the LORD, his hair will never be cut." I Samuel 1:11b*

#### 4. It Was a Prayer of Great \_\_\_\_\_ (12-15)

*As she was praying to the LORD, Eli watched her. <sup>13</sup> Seeing her lips moving but hearing no sound, thought she had been drinking. <sup>14</sup> "Must you come here drunk?" he demanded. "Throw away your wine!" <sup>15</sup> "Oh no, sir!" she replied. "I haven't been drinking wine or anything stronger. But I am very discouraged, and I was pouring out my heart to the LORD. <sup>16</sup> Don't think I am a wicked woman! For I have been praying out of great anguish and sorrow." I Samuel 1:12-16*

#### 5. It was a Prayer without \_\_\_\_\_ (15)

*<sup>15</sup> "Oh no, sir!" she replied. "I haven't been drinking wine or anything stronger. But I am very discouraged, and I was pouring out my heart to the LORD. <sup>16</sup> Don't think I am a wicked woman! For I have been praying out of great anguish and sorrow. <sup>17</sup> "In that case," Eli said, "go in peace! May the God of Israel grant the request you have asked of Him."<sup>18</sup> "Oh, thank you, sir!" she exclaimed. Then she went back and began to eat again, and she was no longer sad. I Samuel 1:15-18*

## 6. It Was A Prayer That God Could \_\_\_\_\_ (19-20)

<sup>19</sup> The entire family got up early the next morning and went to worship the LORD once more. Then they returned home to Ramah. When Elkanah slept with Hannah, the LORD remembered her plea, <sup>20</sup> and in due time she gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, or she said, "I asked the LORD for him."

<sup>21</sup> The next year Elkanah and his family went on their annual trip to offer a sacrifice to the LORD and to keep his vow. <sup>22</sup> But Hannah did not go. She told her husband, "Wait until the boy is weaned. Then I will take him to the Tabernacle and leave him there with the LORD permanently."

<sup>23</sup> "Whatever you think is best," Elkanah agreed. "Stay here for now, and may the LORD help you keep your promise." So she stayed home and nursed the boy until he was weaned.

<sup>24</sup> When the child was weaned, Hannah took him to the Tabernacle in Shiloh. They brought along a three-year-old bull for the sacrifice and a basket of flour and some wine. <sup>25</sup> After sacrificing the bull, they brought the boy to Eli. <sup>26</sup> "Sir, do you remember me?" Hannah asked. "I am the very woman who stood here several years ago praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup> I asked the LORD to give me this boy, and He has granted my request. <sup>28</sup> Now I am giving him to the LORD, and he will belong to the LORD his whole life." And they worshiped the LORD there.

I Samuel 1:19-28



We will have the opportunity at DLBC to donate blood on Sunday, June 12th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

### ANSWERS:

Despair and Misery, Submission, Sacrifice,  
Persistence, Reservation, Answer



### VBS Meeting

We will have a brief meeting for all VBS volunteers on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> right after service in the Faith room.



### Financial Update

Total Weekly Budget  
**\$ 12,857.00**

Weekly Offering  
Received  
May ?, 2016  
\$



Hello Ladies, the Bear Ministry will be getting together on Saturday, 6/18 from 1-4pm to make bears for the Fish Hospital in Orange City. They are given to children in the emergency room to help calm them in their scary situation. Other work dates through the summer will be 7/23, and 8/27. Please come join us and be a blessing to others.