

Westwood Baptist Church



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Worship Guide for February 12, 2023

Sermon Notes

God's Care for Hannah, for Israel, and for Us **I Samuel 1**

Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.
Isaiah 40:10-11

From Hannah to Samuel to Saul to David...and then to the eternal Son of David, the Lord Jesus Christ. Those individuals are the primary waypoints in our journey through I and II Samuel. Samuel, Saul, and David are the main human characters, but the central character in this story is the God who made the promise and is accomplishing it “according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will” (Ephesians 1:11).

This mighty God, the Lord of Hosts, who spoke the world into being, whose might and power are incomprehensible, is the same God who gently shepherds his individual lambs and meets their every need with compassion and care. As God works to carry out his “big picture” plan for the nation of Israel, he is also at work in the lives of ordinary people like we see in the first chapter of Samuel. Hannah, who is barren and broken, is a picture of barren and broken Israel. She is a picture of all of us who are spiritually barren and broken. God has a plan to reverse this barrenness. Today we see his care for Hannah, for Israel, and for us.

Scene One: Elkanah's Troubled House (vv2-8)

Scene Two: Hannah's Changed Heart (vv 9-18)

Scene Three: Hannah's Son is Born (vv 19-20)

Scene Four: Hannah's Son is Given (vv 21-28)

Applications:

Be aware of Hannah's plight: Culture's imposed identities are ultimately empty, and its taunts toward those who don't conform are relentless. Don't be surprised by this.

Follow Hannah's example in prayer: It is humble, desperate, and expectant – looking to and resting in God's faithfulness. Are we desperate enough to pray like this?

Follow Hannah's example in finding peace: the word “repentance” is not seen in this passage, but the evidence is. Repent of the sin of looking for identity, security, significance anyone or anything other than Christ.

Look beyond Hannah to her Savior: He is the main character in the story. He always cares for his own; He alone is always faithful; He alone is all-sufficient; He alone can give you peace.

Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom*..."
- Colossians 3:16a

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 3.

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FEBRUARY

22 Evangelism Class-Session 2 @ 6:30 p.m.
24 Membership Class @ 6:00 p.m.

MARCH

2 Life Choices' Banquet @ 6:00 p.m.
8 Evangelism Class-Session 3 @ 6:30 p.m.
12 Daylight Saving Time begins @ 1:00 a.m.
15 Member's Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
22 Evangelism Class-Session 4 @ 6:30 p.m.
23 Blood Drive (FLC) 10:30a.m.-3:00p.m.
25 Women's Ministry Event @ 10:00 a.m.