

# 1 Samuel 1: The Prevailing Power of Pleading Prayer!

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ family dynamics. 1 Samuel 1:1-5

- Hannah's life was the perfect picture of no win frustration!

Elkanah = "God \_\_\_\_\_" (Vs 3&5 – Hannah was barren)

Hannah = "Grace" "\_\_\_\_\_ with God." It's declared over her life, but where is the reality of it?

**Marriage by God's design: One man and one woman for \_\_\_\_\_! Genesis 2:24; Mark 10:6-9**

Note the order of the wives. Hannah is named first. Was it Hannah's barrenness that caused him to marry again?

Polygamy has never brought \_\_\_\_\_!

Cain (type of antichrist!) was the first to do it. Gen 4:19. Abraham married Hagar (Gen 16) it caused strife in his home.

Jacob had 4 wives, it caused much strife in his home. David, Solomon, etc...all resulted in family and personal DRAMA!

- God can make \_\_\_\_\_ to His name (2:1-10) – even out of your life's \_\_\_\_\_! Vs 3

**Family problem: \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 4**

Hannah's womb. (There is nothing that Hannah can do to fix it.) God promised to bless and make His people fruitful!

Gen 12; 15; 18, etc... So...Hannah had no child – A sign of no blessing from God. Psalm 127:3; Gen 1:28; Gen 30:1

Her husband's solution! (Elkanah thinks he can fix her with material things.) Vs 5; note Vs 8

- Hannah's adversity in her \_\_\_\_\_ family. Vs 6-8

Peninnah = "Pearl" "to \_\_\_\_\_!" = \_\_\_\_\_.

She was working to turn Elkanah's heart from Hannah. Her goal was to point out Hannah's deficiencies to both Hannah and Elkanah. *Have you ever had that person in your life? Know that they aren't wise. 2 Corinthians 10:12*

Vs 7: Notice when the adversary provoked her – At the feast days (When they were working to draw close to God!)

The "adversary" knows where we are weak or hurting – and works to use that against us (*His goal is to rupture our fellowship with God!*) 1 Peter 5:8 Sometimes God uses the "unfair" things of life to drive us to the place of dependence on Him!

Note on depression: the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. There are real \_\_\_\_\_ for it.

But, there is a right and a wrong way to respond to genuinely depressing problems in life! Hannah let her hardship drive her to Jesus. 1 Peter 5:5b-7

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Pleading Prayer. 1 Samuel 1:9-16

- Notice her vow.** Don't miss the \_\_\_\_\_. This is a request for a supernatural birth!

***She asked for a "man child" Isa 66:7, Rev 12:5***

She asked to receive that she might give! Her \_\_\_\_\_ of Samuel to the Lord.

1. "all the days of his life" = full time ministry.

2. the Nazarite vow – (Samson, Samuel, John the Baptist) deliverers. Nazarite for life = whole hearted for God.

- Hannah's adversity in her \_\_\_\_\_ family. Vs 12-14

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 Sam 6

- Hannah was mature. She worked out issues with people. Vs 15-16

A soft answer short circuits debate! Proverbs 15:1

## 3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_! 1 Samuel 1:17-18

- Vs 17 KEY: Leaders - Bless the \_\_\_\_\_ of your brethren.

Vs 18: Notice Hannah's faith! Contentment is key! Philippians 4:11-13

- Faith gets \_\_\_\_\_! 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)

Hannah received her "man child." The name Samuel means "heard of God." 1 John 5:14-15