

Hannah: A Woman of Faith

The Bible is replete with examples of those who provide us with great insight in living the Christian life. We have powerful examples provided of leadership, courage, determination, faithfulness, love and compassion among many other attributes. There are many men who have gone before us to whom we look to emulate our lives. Thankfully, we have examples of women of faith as well.

One of these women is Hannah. In 1 Sam. 1:1-2:10 we find one example after another that is worthy of emulation. As we are introduced to her we see one who strongly desires motherhood, but has a “closed womb.” Because of this problem, she faces derision and is provoked by her “rival.” What does she do? Does she wallow in her self-pity? Does she withdraw from society in shame? No! She prays to God and vows that she will commit the child with which she is blessed to the Lord for His service. We know this child as Samuel, one of the greatest of Israel’s prophets.

May we all realize that we can react in different ways to similar situations in life. We all face difficulty. We all have trials that will test our faith. How do we deal with them? Do we leave “lip tracks” everywhere as we pout our way through life? No. We do as Hannah did and put our faith and trust in God. I am forever thankful for all our faithful sisters in Christ. We can learn much from anyone who puts their faith in God to work and walks through life with eyes firmly fixed on attaining spiritual goals. May we learn the lessons provided from the life of this great woman of faith.

Sermon: Woman of Faith...

1. Face Real Problems (1 Sam. 1:1-8)
2. Emphasize Prayer in Their Life (1 Sam. 1:10-18; Col. 4:2; James 5:13-18; 1 Jno. 5:14-15)
3. Know God Provides for Needs (1 Sam. 1:19-20; 1 Jno. 5:14; Jno. 15:7; James 4:3; Matt. 6:33)
4. Keep Their Promises (1 Sam. 1:22-28; Eccl. 5:4-5; Matt. 5:33-37; James 5:12)
5. Offer Praise to God (1 Sam. 2:1-10; Lk. 17:11-17; 1 Thes. 5:16-18; Psalms 18:49; Heb. 13:15)

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