

GOD CALLS A PROPHET

Junior High Lesson - June 14



Start with this video on the story of Hannah

Main Point: God's people are called to hear, obey, and share God's word with others.

Overview: In this session, we encounter Hannah, a woman in a difficult position with no hope in sight. When she came to her breaking point, she chose to go to the only One who could help her in the midst of her pain. The Lord responded and blessed her with a son who would one day become a great prophet for the Lord. His ministry would point forward to the greater Prophet to come—Jesus.

Parents - Tell your kid(s) about their birth and the circumstances around it. What were your hopes, dreams, fears?

"And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the LORD." ... 24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. 25 Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. 26 And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. 27 For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. 28 Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there."

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

As the time of the judges drew to a close, an Israelite named Elkanah, from Ephraim, had two wives: Hannah and Peninnah. Hannah was barren; Peninnah had children, yet she saw Hannah as her rival and provoked her over her barrenness, most likely jealous of Elkanah's love for Hannah. Once, while Elkanah's family was on their yearly journey to worship and sacrifice at the sanctuary in Shiloh, Hannah had had enough. Did she try to run away from her affliction? Did she lash out against her rival? No. She took her anguish and her resentment to the Lord in prayer, asking Him to take notice of her affliction and to bless her with a son (1:9-11,16). And the Lord listened.

Discussion Questions

1. What feelings did Hannah have after God answered her prayer to have a son?
2. How did she respond to God with the child of God gave her?
3. Is there something you have been praying for that God hasn't given you yet?
4. How can Hannah's example help you to be patient?



Why do you think it is important to be thankful to God when he answers your prayer?

And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. 2 There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. ... 6 The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. 7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. 8 He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world.

It is remarkable that Hannah's focus was thanking God for His gift and praising Him for His sovereignty and greatness even as she was leaving Samuel with Eli. Surely her heart was breaking in the act of handing over her son, but she didn't dwell on her sorrow. Her heart was so full of thankfulness and praise to God for the blessing Samuel was to her. Furthermore, maybe Hannah realized that the gift of her son was about more than just her. Perhaps she understood that her life and his life were ultimately about the glory of the Lord.

Discussion Questions

1. Does Hannah seem excited when she prays?
2. What kinds of things does Hannah say about God?
3. Some people view being rich as having lots and lots of things. In what ways does Hannah consider herself rich?
4. What is your favorite characteristic about God? Share this with someone and tell them why God is important to you.

**Share your highs and lows from this past week.
Close in pray for each other giving God thanks for your highs and
asking God to be with you in your lows.**

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