

1 SAMUEL 2:1-11 -- BEFORE, HANNAH PRAYED AS A BARREN WOMAN NOW SHE OFFERS A SPECIAL PRAISE PRAYER AS A BLESSED WOMAN!!

1Sa 2:1-11 And Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation. [2] "No one is holy like the LORD, For there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God. [3] "Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the LORD is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed. [4] "The bows of the mighty men are broken, And those who stumbled are girded with strength. [5] Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, And the hungry have ceased to hunger. Even the barren has borne seven, And she who has many children has become feeble. [6] "The LORD kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up. [7] The LORD makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. [8] He raises the poor from the dust And lifts the beggar from the ash heap, To set them among princes And make them inherit the throne of glory. "For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, And He has set the world upon them. [9] He will guard the feet of His saints, But the wicked shall be silent in darkness. "For by strength no man shall prevail. [10] The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken in pieces; From heaven He will thunder against them. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth. "He will give strength to His king, And exalt the horn of His anointed." [11] Then Elkanah went to his house at Ramah. But the child ministered to the LORD before Eli the priest.

The Biblical Setting:

- In chapter one we saw Hannah praying as a barren woman. She wanted a son to give to Elkanah. But God wanted a son to serve him as a priest and prophet to Israel.
- Hannah offered her prayer, saying if You give me a child, I will give him to You! Hannah's prayer is now much bigger. It now is the will of God. God heard and He answered!
- Now the Lord has answered her prayer and Hannah is pregnant! Here in chapter 2, Hannah offers a beautiful prayer of praise!
- Hannah's song is really a song of praise or a hymn to the God who reverses human fortunes by His mighty power. He is the Creator beyond all human understanding who protects the faithful!
- Note how three other songs follow the descriptive wording in Hannah's song very closely! **David's songs:** 2Sa 22:3 The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. 2Sa 23:2 "The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue. 2Sa 23:3 The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me: 'He who rules over men must be just, Ruling in the fear of God.
- 2Sa 23:5 "Although my house is not so with God, Yet He has made with me an everlasting covenant, Ordered in all things and secure. For this is all my salvation and all my desire; Will He not make it increase?
- and **Mary's Magnificant**, - It is that expression of Mary when she meets her cousin Elizabeth. And it gives us insight into the character of Mary. It helps us to see what a deeply spiritual person she was. As she busts forth, Luk 1:46 And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, Luk 1:47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. Luk 1:52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly.

A Wonderful Prayer of Praise!

1Sa 2:1 And Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn is exalted (raised up) in the LORD. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation. 1Sa 2:2 "No one is holy like the LORD, For there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God.

Beautiful expressions of praise to the Lord: *"My heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn (strength) is exalted (raised up) in the LORD. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation* When she declared 'I rejoice in Your salvation,' this begins a look forward. How is God's salvation provided for us? Through Yeshua, "Jehovah is salvation." When she said, "Because I rejoice in thy salvation," she's rejoicing actually in Jesus Christ. It turns into a prophecy here, and I want you to notice what a remarkable prophecy it actually is. Jesus is the Rock, the scripture says in II Corinthians: and there is no Rock like our God. Remember in Nebuchadnezzar's vision interpreted by Daniel, he saw the image until there was, "a rock not cut with hands that smote the great image in the feet. So that the image crumbled and the rock grew up until it was a mountain that covered the earth." That rock was Jesus.

Jesus said that, "Upon this Rock I will build my church." What rock? The confession of Peter that, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

1Sa 2:3 "Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the LORD is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed. It's not so much what you did, but why you did it. And God weighs the actions by what motivated them.

1Sa 2:4 "The bows of the mighty men are broken, And those who stumbled are girded with strength.

1Sa 2:5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, And the hungry have ceased to hunger. Even the barren has borne seven (perfection). And she who has many children has become feeble. (reversal of human fortunes)

Here, at this point, she probably is talking about herself and Peninnah. She was barren but God is now making her fruitful. The one who had so many children is waxed feeble. Now the prophecy of Jesus:

1Sa 2:6 "The LORD kills and makes alive; -- [The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ] -- **He brings down to the grave and brings up.** Even as Jesus went into the grave and He arose out of the grave. The Lord makes poor and makes rich. He who was rich, yet for your sakes became poor, that you through His poverty, might know the riches of God.

1Sa 2:7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. He humbled himself and came in the form of a man obedient as a servant even unto death, the death of the cross. Wherefore God has also highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name. This is a marvelous prophecy concerning Jesus Christ.

1Sa 2:8 He raises the poor from the dust And lifts the beggar from the ash heap, (again, a reversal of human fortunes)

Now he's talking about what Jesus does for those who trust in Him: raises the poor out of the dust, lifts the beggar out of the ash heap or dung hill.

To set them among princes And make them inherit the throne of glory. "For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, And He has set the world upon them. So that glorious work of God's grace. And isn't it interesting that the name, 'Hannah' means, "grace?" Here she begins to express the glorious grace of God through Jesus Christ which has been extended unto us.

1Sa 2:9 He will guard the feet of His saints, But the wicked shall be silent in darkness. "For by strength no man shall prevail. "Not by might, nor by the power, but by my spirit says the Lord." **1Sa 2:10** The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken in pieces; The great judgment period. She's prophesying on out until the end, the great judgment period, the great tribulation. **1Sa 2:10** The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken in pieces; From heaven He will thunder against them. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth. "He will give strength to His king, -- Who is His king? Jesus Christ. And exalt (raise up) the horn of His anointed." The word, 'anointed' is the Hebrew word, "Messiah."

Note the two names of Christ here in verse 10 — "His King" and "His Anointed" (Messiah, Christ) — for Hannah's burden was for the glory of the Lord among His people. Hannah certainly exemplifies a godly mother, for she put God first, she believed in prayer, she kept her vows, and she gave God all the glory. Thus, a tremendous prophecy concerning the Messiah: His king, God will exalt. So this marvelous, marvelous prophecy of Hannah; almost unequal in scripture.

1Sa 2:11 Then Elkanah went to his house at Ramah. But the child ministered to the LORD before Eli the priest. They returned back to Ramah. They left Samuel there with Eli the priest. Now, again, an insight into the spiritual conditions: **1Sa 2:12** Now the sons of Eli were corrupt; they did not know the LORD. Here they were priests, and yet, they didn't even know the Lord.

SUMMARY:

- How often do we offer true prayers of praise?
- Do we smile at our enemies because we rejoice in Your salvation?
- How frequently do we truly rejoice in His salvation and the great gift of His grace to us?
- Because -- "No one is holy like the LORD, For there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God?"
- "The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken in pieces; From heaven He will thunder against them. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth. He will give strength to His king. And exalt the horn of His anointed."