

## ***“Hannah: A Woman After God’s Own Heart!”***

**1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 1:1-11; 19-28, & 2:18-21, & 3:19-21**

Now there was a certain man from Ramathaim-zophim from the hill country of Ephraim, his name was **Elkanah** the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. He had two wives: the name of one was **Hannah** and the name of the other **Peninnah**. **Peninnah had children**, but **Hannah had no children**. Now this man would go up from his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice to the **Lord of Hosts** in **Shiloh**. When the day came that Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and her daughters; but to **Hannah** he would give a double portion, for he loved **Hannah**, but the **Lord** still had closed her womb. Her rival (**Peninnah**), however, would provoke her bitterly to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. It happened year after year, as often as she went up to the **House of the Lord** (in **Shiloh**), she (Peninnah) would provoke her; so, **Hannah** wept and would not eat. Then **Elkanah** her husband said to her, *“Hannah, why do you weep and why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not better to you than ten sons?”* **She (Hannah)**, greatly distressed, wept bitterly, and prayed to the Lord at Shiloh. She made a vow, *“O Lord of Hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and a razor shall never come on his head (a Nazarite from birth).”* And **Elkanah had relations with Hannah** his wife, and the **Lord** remembered her. It came about in due time, after **Hannah** had conceived, that she gave birth to a son; and she named him Samuel, saying, *“Because I have asked him of the Lord.”* Then the man **Elkanah** went up with all his household to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and pay his vow. But **Hannah** did not go up, for she said to her husband, *“I will not go up until the child is weaned; then I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord and stay there forever!”* So, the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. Now when **she (Hannah)** had weaned him, she took him up with her (and an **Offering**), a three-year-old bull and one ephah of flour and a jug of wine, and brought him to the **House of the Lord** in **Shiloh**, even though the child was very young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and brought the boy to **Eli**, the **High Priest**. **Hannah** said, *“Oh, my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. For this boy I prayed, and the Lord has given me my petition which I asked of Him. So, I have also dedicated him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is dedicated to the Lord!”* And **Samuel** worshiped and ministered before the Lord there in **Shiloh**. Now **Samuel** was ministering before the Lord, as a boy. And his mother (**Hannah**) would make him a little robe and bring it to him from year to year when she would come up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then **Eli** would bless **Elkanah** and **his wife (Hannah)** saying, *“May the Lord give you children from this woman in place of the one she dedicated to the Lord.”* And they went to their own home. The **Lord** visited Hannah; and she conceived and gave birth to three more sons and two more daughters. And the boy **Samuel** grew before the Lord. Thus, **Samuel** grew, and the **Lord** was with him. All **Israel** knew that Samuel was confirmed as a Prophet of the Lord. And the **Lord** Appeared Again (by **Epiphany** in His Dwelling Presence in the **Holy of Holies**) at **Shiloh**, because the **Lord** Revealed Himself (Theophany) to **Samuel** at **Shiloh** by the **Word of the Lord (Rhema)**.

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**10 # Unmistakable Proofs That Demonstrate  
That Hannah Was A Woman After God's Own Heart!**

- 1) Hannah Never Repaid Evil With Evil**
- 2) Hannah Prayed & Put Her Trust In God Alone To Answer Her Prayers & Innermost Desires**
- 3) Hannah Never Lost Faith While She Waited For God's Response**
- 4) Hannah Was Obedient To God & Offered Her Sacrifices To Him  
Even When He Had Not Answered her Yet**
- 5) Hannah Made A Sacred Vow & Kept It No Matter How God Decided To Answer Her Request**
- 6) Hannah Was Self-Sacrificing For God's Glory & Will & For God Alone!**
- 7) Hannah Expected Nothing In Return For Her Sacrifice**
- 8) God Blessed Hannah Abundantly With More Children Because Of Her Great Faith & Sacrifice**
- 9) God Blessed Hannah's Faith, Obedience, Vow, & Sacrifice By Calling Her Son As A Prophet**
- 10) Hannah & Her People Benefitted From Samuel's Faith & Obedience  
To God All The Days Of His Life**

**So After Contemplating Hannah's Life This Week - I Asked Myself These Questions:**

**Q1**

***"How Many Of These Godly Principles & Characteristics  
Am I Currently Living By?"***

**Q2**

***"How Many Blessings Has God Given To Me  
In Light Of My Response To His Leading In My Life?"***

**Q3**

***"How Many People Have Benefitted From My Faith  
& My Obedience To God's Leading In My Life?"***