



None like the Lord
3rd in the “Samuel” Series
1 Samuel 2:1-11
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Introduction

In this passage God reveals several aspects of his greatness and power and shepherds us to trust in him.

The Text: 1 Samuel 2:1-11

¹ *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.*

³ *Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. ⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. ⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.*

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. ⁹ “He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. ¹⁰ *The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. 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 home to Ramah. And the boy was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli the priest.**

- 1) Hannah’s prayer teaches us several things about the Lord.
 - a) There is no one like the Lord (vv. 1-2).
 - b) The Lord is the Great Reverser (vv. 3-5).
 - c) The Christian prevails not by might but by the Lord (vv. 6-10).
- 2) Hannah’s prayer shepherds us to trust in the Lord in all situations.
 - a) It anticipates what the Lord will do in the rest of Samuel – “give strength to his king” (v. 10).
 - b) It gives us confidence to go to the Lord in prayer.
 - c) It teaches us to pray not only when we are empty but also when we are full.
 - d) It reminds us to look at every aspect of life with God-focused glasses.
 - e) It invites us to turn to and trust in the Lord – “for there is no rock like our God” (v. 2).

Response

Listen to the testimony of Hannah and learn to trust in God, “for there is no rock like our God!”

Sunday Text Questions

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- 1) Starter Question: Has there ever been a time when you prayed for something and God responded positively, and if so, what was that experience like?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) How would you describe the feelings and gratitude Hannah is experiencing from the Lord's response to her prayer (vv. 1-2)?
- 4) How do all the metaphors in vv. 1-2 magnify the force of Hannah's prayer?
- 5) What does v. 3 teach us when it says that "the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed?"
- 6) How does God reverse worldly wisdom according to vv. 4-5, and how does such insight give us perspective for our lives?
- 7) What applications can Christians take from this statement in v. 9: "not by might shall a man prevail?"
- 8) If the "faithful" (v. 9) are those who trust in the Lord's might and not their own, what does this look like in normal life?
- 9) Why is it so difficult for Christians to trust in the Lord and not their own power?
- 10) What does Hannah's prayer teach us about the purpose and practice of prayer?

Further study this week: Passages with famous biblical prayers: 2 Kings 19:15-19 (Mon); Jonah 2:1-19 (Tues); Matthew 6:9-13 (Wed); Ephesians 1:16-19 (Thurs); John 17:1-26 (Fri).