**Great Women of God: Hannah**

*1 Samuel 1:1-28*

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hand of God**

It’s hard… it’s painful… the trials of life come in measures that overflow our hearts with sorrow. But God has a purpose behind every pain and a reason for every agonizing circumstance. You have to trust Him.

 *John 9:3 ~ Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.”*

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Distress of Hannah**

Hannah’s pain came out in her passionate prayer to God. Her plea for grace and mercy is echoed in the heart of all who long for God’s blessing and see only hardship. This is where God was leading her: to be completely yielded to Him.

 *Mark 14:34 ~ And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.”*

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Answer of Eli**

When the words of Eli fell upon Hannah’s ears, that was all she needed. God’s word settled the matter for her and she departed in faith, trusting that what was spoken by God would become the truth of her life.

*1 John 5:14-15 ~ And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.*

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Hannah Fulfilled**

This is where faith in God finds its reality: in the actions of life. Hannah had vowed to the LORD that she would deliver her child to the service of God, and thus Samuel found his place in the temple and in the tutelage of Eli.

*James 2:18 ~ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.*

**1 Samuel 2:1**

**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.”**

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**Additional Scripture References**

*(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)*

**1 Peter 4:19**

*Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.*

**Acts 9:16**

*“For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”*

**Mark 4:38**

*But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”*

**Psalm 18:6**

*In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.*

**John 16:24**

*Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*

**Acts 27:22-24**

*“Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, and he said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.’”*

**2 Corinthians 1:17-18**

*Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to the flesh, ready to say “Yes, yes” and “No, no” at the same time? As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No.*

**Ecclesiastes 5:4**

*When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow.*

**Revelation 19:6-7**

*Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready.”*