

BIBLE WOMEN - HANNAH - A WORTHY MOTHER

I SAMUEL 1:9-15

Born into the days without a King but lived a moral life. First recorded prayer by a woman in the Bible, prayed for a child.

I. HER CONDITION

- A. She had no king (JUDGES 21:25)
 - 1. Anarchy almost desirable to our government
 - 2. But they had been ruled by the Judges
- B. She was CHILDLESS
 - 1. That is the inward / innate desire of women
 - a. Little girls will make dolls to mother
 - b. Baby dolls are excellent toys / Not Barbie!
 - 2. God protect us from this wicked culture today
 - a. God created men and women (GEN. 1:27)
 - b. Men and women are DISTINCT (DEUT. 22:5)
- C. She was grieved (vs. 5-8)

II. HER PRAYER

- A. She was in BITTERNESS (vs.10) / Deep discontentment
 - 1. She asked for a son, praying silently (vs.13)
 - 2. Not mad at God (bitter), wanted to GIVE (vs.11)
- B. She prayed to the right person (vs.11) "Lord of Hosts"
- C. She prayed a definite prayer, not nebulous, unspecific
- D. She prayed an earnest prayer, "wept sore" (vs.10,15)
- E. She prayed a persevering prayer LUKE 11:5-10

III. HER DESIRE

- A. That the child would live a separated life (vs.11b)
 - 1. No razor means a Nazarite NUMBERS 6:1-8
 - 2. This should be our prayer for our children too!
- B. Her faith was rewarded by God (vs.17-21) (MATT. 17:20)

IV. HER VOW

- A. She kept her vow (vs.24-28), this is selfless devotion
- B. Have we given our children to the Lord for service?
- C. Arrows must be made before battle engaged (PSA. 127:4)

V. HER INFLUENCE

- A. Samuel became a leader (8:4-6, 12:22-23, 15:10-11)
- B. The child of prayer became a man of prayer!

JUDGES 21:25 - "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

GEN. 1:27 - "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

DEUT. 22:5 - "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God."

MATT. 17:20 - "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

PSALM 127:4 - "As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth."