

“Seeking After God Series”

Hannah –Faithful in Prayer; Power of Persistence

1 Samuel 1:1-28

- **Objectives of this lesson:**
 - 1) **Learn more about the life of Hannah**
 - 2) **Explore factors which cause us to seek God and how we seek Him.**
 - 3) **Discover how handle life’s problems/troubles.**
 - 4) **Learn from Hannah’s response when her prayer was answered.**
- **Questions to ponder**
 - 1) **Given the situations/problems that we go through, how do we “journey” or handle our problems/situations.**
 - 2) **Are we persistent in our prayer life and do we wait until there is a problem before prayer to our God?**
 - 3) **Do we know how to pray? How long should we pray?**
- I. **THE PROBLEM (1 Samuel 1:1-8)**
 - A. Hannah was barren and she desired to have children.
 - B. Hannah was in a polygamous marriage-Peninnah, the other wife, was able to bear children and she taunted Hannah.
 - C. Hannah’s problem was causing a great emotional toll; she was constantly reminded of her barrenness.
- II. **POUR OUT YOUR HEART (1 Samuel 1:9-18)**
 - A. The Vow (vv. 9-11)
 - B. The Rejection (vv. 12-16)—by Eli
 - C. The Assurance (vv. 17, 18)
- III. **PRAISE GOD FOR PROVISION (1 Samuel 1:19, 20; 2:1-10)**
 - A. Samuel's Birth (1:19, 20)

What are you holding on to that’s rightfully God’s?
 - B. Hannah's Praise (2:1-10)

How should we respond when God answers our prayer?
- **God desires to have an ongoing relationship with communication on a daily basis (prayer)—with/without a crisis on hand.**
- **There is no specific length of time for prayer, but Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 that we should pray continually. Pray until God gives you peace.**
- **Faithful praying doesn’t automatically come, but it is a result of spiritual discipline and consistency. We must “grow” our prayer lives! Sometimes it takes effort!**

