



1 Samuel


**A Big God
for a Big Crisis**



A Big God For A Big Crisis

- *God's people are in big trouble! (Judg 21:25)*
- *Who will lead this nation back to God?*

God's Care for the Individual.

- God knew and cared about Hannah's pain.
 - Hannah was childless (v5)
 - Hannah had competition - Peninnah (v4, 6-7)
 - God knew and was ready to listen (v11)
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Real Prayer (v9-18)

A Sense of Desperation

Turning to...

- "...*the LORD*" – the faithful one
- "...*the Almighty*" – the all powerful one

Prayer is an exhibition of helplessness

Hannah "*pours out her heart*" (v15)

- This kind of praying was rare then (v14)
Is it rare now?



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A Godly Motivation

- She wanted a son to serve the Lord. (v11)

“Your kingdom come, Your will be done...”

- Do our hearts and prayers need to change before God will answer them?



Real Prayer (v9-18)

God's Intervention

- Hannah is changed - leaves in peace (v18)
- The situation is changed - Samuel's born (v20)

This is the work of the Lord Almighty!

Do we really believe God answers prayer?



Responding to God's Gifts

Dedication (1:21-28)

- Hannah promised her son to God (v11)
- Hannah fulfils her promise (v24, v27-28)

Key principle: *Asked of God means given to God.*

- This is true worship! (Rom 12:1)
- Is this true for us?



The Bigger Picture

Samuel is God's answer to Israel's crisis.

- A surprising beginning – a barren mother
- This is God's pattern in the O.T.

This points us forward to Jesus Christ

- God's answer to our biggest crisis
- God's Saviour
- God's Ruler

HE is the One we trust and worship!

