



Hannah Dedicates Samuel to the Lord

(1 Samuel 1:21-28)

Thematic Verse of the Day

“Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

--Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

1 Samuel 1:21-28

- ²¹ Then the man Elkanah went up with all his household to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and *to pay* his vow.
- ²² But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "*I will not go* until the child is weaned; then I will bring him, so that he may appear before the Lord and stay there for life."
- ²³ Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you. Stay until you have weaned him; only may the Lord confirm His word." So, the woman stayed and nursed her son until she weaned him.

1 Samuel 1:21-28

- ²⁴ Now when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with a three-year-old bull, one ephah of flour, and a jug of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord in Shiloh, although the child was young.
- ²⁵ Then they slaughtered the bull and brought the boy to Eli.
- ²⁶ And she said, "Pardon me, my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord.
- ²⁷ For this boy I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my request which I asked of Him.
- ²⁸ So I have also dedicated him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is dedicated to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there.

David Brooks: “The Junkification of American Life”

- **Art** (work that puts demands on people, makes you think)
Theatre, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, novels
- **Entertainment** (gives people what they already want)
Super-hero movies, less dialogue/more special effects, “low humor”
- **Distraction** (repetitive; doesn’t require any thought)
Facebook videos, TikTok
- **Addiction** (overwhelmed by desire for more stimulation; dopamine, FOMO)
Cell phones, alcohol, drugs

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- “The result is we’re now in a culture in which we want worse things—**the cheap hit over the long flourishing**. You reach for the immediate gratification, but it fails to satisfy. It just puts you on a hamster wheel of looking for the next mild stimulus and pretty soon you’re in the land of addiction and junk food, you just keep scrolling, you just keep snacking.”

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- **Ways to break the “junk” cycle:**

1. “Create rules so you don’t have easy access to the things that tempt you.”
2. “Enjoy the life that you already have around you.” (Avoid FOMO)
3. “Replace a low desire with a higher desire.”

“Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” (Philippians 4:8)

Your brain: “Garbage In, Garbage Out”

God desires us to desire the higher things: The “long flourishing things”

- God Himself
 - The Bible
 - Fellowship with Believers
 - Service to Others
 - Prayer
 - God’s Creation (Nature)
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- Be “Rock Solid”: Keep Jesus at the center of your life!
 - “On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.”

I. Parents'/Caregivers' Practical Responsibilities

A. Provisions

“But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” (1 Timothy 5:8 ESV)

B. Protections

¹⁴ When Abram heard that his kinsman, he . . . went in pursuit . . . and defeated them . . . he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people. (Genesis 14:14-16 ESV)

C. Preparations

“But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.” (Deuteronomy 8:18 NIV)

II. Parents'/Caretakers' Spiritual Obligations

A. Provisions

⁴ “Hear, Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! ⁵ And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. ⁷ **And you shall repeat them diligently to your sons and speak of them when you sit in your house, when you walk on the road, when you lie down, and when you get up....** ⁹ **You shall also write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.** (Deuteronomy 6:4-7, 9 ESV)

B. Protections

⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. (Galatians 1:8 ESV)

C. Preparations

“Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress,
and for their children it will be a refuge.” Proverbs 14:26 (NIV)

III. Hannah's Song of Praise

(1 Samuel 2:1-11)

- A. Blessings for the Faithfulness of Samuel
- B. Curses for the Sinfulness of Eli's Sons
- C. Blessings and Curses for Israel

III. Hannah's Song of Praise

(1 Samuel 2:1-11)

2 Then Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart rejoices in the Lord;
My horn is exalted in the Lord,
My mouth speaks boldly against my enemies,
Because I rejoice in Your salvation.

² There is no one holy like the Lord,
Indeed, there is no one besides You,
Nor is there any rock like our God.

³ Do not go on boasting so very proudly,
Do not let arrogance come out of your mouth;
For the Lord is a God of knowledge,
And with Him actions are weighed.

III. Hannah's Song of Praise

(1 Samuel 2:1-11)

⁴The bows of the mighty are broken to pieces,
But those who have stumbled strap on strength.
⁵Those who were full hire themselves out for bread,
But those who were hungry cease *to be hungry*.

Even the infertile woman gives birth to seven,
But she who has many children languishes.

⁶The Lord puts to death and makes alive;
He brings down to Sheol and brings up.

⁷The Lord makes poor and rich;
He humbles, He also exalts.

III. Hannah's Song of Praise

(1 Samuel 2:1-11)

⁸ He raises the poor from the dust,
He lifts the needy from the garbage heap
To seat *them* with nobles,
And He gives them a seat of honor as an inheritance;
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
And He set the world on them.

⁹ He watches over the feet of His godly ones,
But the wicked ones are silenced in darkness;
For not by might shall a person prevail.

III. Hannah's Song of Praise

(1 Samuel 2:1-11)

¹⁰ Those who contend with the Lord will be terrified;
Against them He will thunder in the heavens,
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
And He will give strength to His king,
And will exalt the horn of His anointed.”

¹¹ Then Elkanah went to his home at Ramah. **But the boy continued to attend to the service of the Lord before Eli the priest.**

III. Hannah's Song of Praise

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Applies to Us Today As Well

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Takeaways:

A. Parents/Caretakers Extend God's Love to Others

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

B. Create a Culture that Emphasizes Serving the Lord

C. Teach Children to Desire God's "Long-Flourishing" Gifts

D. We are Merely "Stewards" of God's Blessings

E. Infant and Lifelong "Dedications" Require Trusting the Lord

"So, I have also dedicated him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is dedicated to the LORD." (1 Samuel 1:28)

Romans 12:2

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”



Let Us Pray:

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior”
(Luke 1:46-47)

