

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH LORTON

Prayer, Praise, and Providence

1 Samuel 1:1—2:10

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The Scriptures provide for us numerous examples of Godly mothers whose faith is worth emulating. Sarah, Ruth, Elizabeth, and Jesus' mother Mary spring immediately to mind. One such Godly mother is named Hannah, and we are told that "the LORD had closed her womb." She was unable to bear children and was distraught. Her repeated pleas to God for a son appeared to be falling on deaf ears, and she seemed destined to a life of barrenness, humiliation, and ridicule. But then the Lord in His providence intervened.

Hannah's Sadness (1:1-8):

Hannah's Supplication (1:9-18):

Hannah's Son (1:19-23):

Hannah's Sacrifice (1:24-28):

Hannah's Song (2:1-10):

Hannah exulting in the Lord (verse 1).

Hannah extolling the Lord (verses 2-8).

Hannah expecting from the Lord (verse 9-10).

Questions to Consider

1. What unpleasant circumstances in your life have seemed to be insurmountable and caused you to question the faithfulness of God? How have such times affected your approach to God in prayer?
2. When you think of God's "providence," what thoughts immediately spring to mind? Upon further reflection, do you honestly find yourself believing that He is in control of all things? Why or why not?
3. How does Hannah's prayer for a son help to shape your own prayers of supplication to God? Why is it that you ask of Him the things that you do?
4. R.C. Sproul was fond of saying, "Right now counts forever." Each new day is another thread in the tapestry God is weaving in your child's life. How does your awareness of this truth affect your parenting?
5. What does it mean for you to give your child to the Lord "all the days of his/her life"? Have you done this? Are you continuing to do it?