

A GODLY MOTHER **I Samuel 1:1-2:11**

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Pain (1-8)

There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite.² He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

⁸*And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"*

- He tries to fix it instead of seeking to understand.
- He fails to acknowledge the pain.

"In western Christianity, we have become committed to relieving the pain behind our problems rather than using our pain to wrestle more passionately with the character and purposes of God. Feeling better has become more important than finding God. And worse, we assume that people who find God always feel better" (Larry Crabb in Finding God)

Prayer (9-18)

She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly.¹¹ And she vowed a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head."

And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

Provision (19-20)

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her.²⁰ And in

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due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the LORD."

- Knew
- Remembered
- Samuel

Promise Kept (21-28)

²⁶And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. ²⁷For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.

Praise (2:1-11)

Application

- Pain is a normal part of the Christian life
- Our pain should drive us to the Lord in dependant prayer
- Parents, commit our children to Lord on a regular basis
- Don't forget to be as fervent in our praise as we are in our prayer.