

# **HANNAH: A MOTHER WORTHY OF IMITATION (I Samuel 1-2)**

- Introduction:
1. Our society has set aside this day to honor our Mothers.
  2. Since many have their minds set on thoughts of Motherhood, I would like to draw your attention to a particular Mother.
  3. This Mother lived about 3000 years ago, and though she lived in a different era, she provides us with a worthy example of what a Mother should be.
  4. Let's examine a few points from the life of Hannah, Samuel's Mother.

## **I. Hannah Recognized That Children Are a Gift from God**

- A. (Psalms 127:3) Children are a heritage from the Lord.
  1. "Heritage" - something transmitted from a predecessor; property of one that descends to an heir.
- B. Children are a gift given to parents by God, and Hannah recognized this truth (I Samuel 1:11).
- C. I wonder how graciously parents receive their gift from God?
  1. Abortion.
  2. Abuse.
  3. Neglect.
  4. Lack of Upbringing.
- D. Maybe by thinking of our children as a gift given by God, watching to see our reaction to His gift, we would be more likely to be more gracious recipients.

## **II. Hannah Promised to Devote Her Son to God**

- A. (I Samuel 1:11).
- B. Would it not be wonderful for all parents to make such a promise?
- C. (Ephesians 6:4).
- D. Before a child is brought into this world, he should have parents who have dedicated themselves to devoting that child to God.
- E. No child is as fortunate as the child that has parents who have promised themselves as well as God to devote their child to godliness.

## **III. Hannah Devoted Her Son to God at a Great Cost**

- A. (I Samuel 1:21-28).
- B. I can't imagine the sacrifice it must have been for Hannah to have given her little baby away.
- C. But she was committed to performing her vow (I Samuel 1:26-28).
- D. We need parents who are committed to performing their promises to God concerning the raising of their children (II Cor. 8:10-11).

- E. When viewing Hannah's sacrifice, my sacrifices don't seem nearly as large.
  - 1. Bible classes.
  - 2. Read to your child.
  - 3. Tell them stories.
  - 4. Home devotionals.
  - 5. Personal example.
- F. (Deuteronomy 6:7-9).

#### **IV. Hannah Was a Mother Worthy of Imitation**

- A. Being a good mother does not stop with your own family, but as ripples in a pond, affects the lives of countless others.
- B. (Luke 1:46-55) Mary imitates Hannah's prayer.
- C. We need mothers, who like Hannah, are worthy of imitation.
- D. (Titus 2:3-5).

- Conclusion:
- 1. Parents have been given a wonderful gift from God.
  - 2. The eternal destiny of that child will largely be determined by our conduct as a parent.
  - 3. Let that reminder serve to prompt us to be better parents.
  - 4. May we all, at any cost, determine to devote our children to God, as did Hannah.