

# Hannah: A Portrait of Feminine Grace

*Twelve Extraordinary Women* by John MacArthur, Chapter 5

## Review

1. In what ways did Hannah fit the meaning of her name, "grace"?
2. In what ways was Hannah like both Sarah and Mary the mother of Jesus?
  - Sarah
  - Mary
3. Based on what Scripture says, describe the outset of Hannah's life.
4. What were the three great loves of Hannah's life?
5. Why did Hannah long to have a son?
6. Describe Hannah's prayer life, specifically her prayer at the entrance to the door of the tabernacle.
7. What traits of God did Hannah include in her great prayer of thanksgiving and praise found in 1 Samuel 2: 1-10?

What traits about humanity did Hannah include in her prayer?

What did Hannah pray regarding unbelief and rebellion?

8. Describe Hannah's ongoing relationship with Samuel after she gave him to fulltime service at the tabernacle.

9. In what ways was Hannah rewarded for her gift of Samuel to the Lord's service?

## **Bible Connections**

1. Read 1 Samuel 1:7 and Numbers 18:24-32. What brought Hannah "year by year" to the house of the LORD?
2. Read 1 Samuel 1:3 and 1 Samuel 2:13-24. In addition to the bad behavior of the high priest's sons, Hophni and Phineas, the visible manifestation of God's glory that once resided over the ark of the covenant was long gone from the tabernacle. What emotions did Hannah and others in her family likely have as they made their annual trip to the tabernacle at Shiloh?
3. Read 1 Samuel 1:4-5. Elkanah gave one portion of offering to Peninnah and all her sons and daughters, and a double portion to Hannah. What emotional difficulties in Elkanah's family might have grown from this discrepancy in "portions" given to his two wives?

What damage is caused by expressions of favoritism in a family?

4. Read 1 Samuel 1:18. Also read Psalm 55:22 and 1 Peter 5:6-7. In what ways was Hannah's reply to the high priest Eli an expression of faith?
5. Read 1 Samuel 2:1-10. List the key words and phrases in Hannah's prayer.

Pause to consider why each of these words has special meaning to you at this time. Make additional comments next to each key word or phrase.

6. Read Proverbs 22:6. What is involved in *training* a child?