

The LORD Hears Those Who Trust in Him

1 Samuel 1

A. Context: A Nation in Trouble

1. Technically, 1st and 2nd Samuel make up one large book in the _____ Bible, but we split them into two separate books in our Bible.
2. Samuel lived at a crucial time in Israel's history as the spiritual _____ of the nation was at an unprecedented height and even the _____ of God were debased and immoral.
3. While in Egypt, Israel grew to a great nation and became very numerous; this prompted the Pharaoh of Egypt to put Israel in _____ and forced labor.
4. Despite the hardships that Israel faced, the Lord _____ His word to Abraham by bringing Israel out of Egypt under Moses' leadership. Exodus 3
5. Once Israel came out of Egypt, the Lord led them _____ to the land that He had promised Abraham He would give to his descendants.
6. Once in the land, however, Israel still did not _____ the Lord. The book of Judges picks up the sad story of the wayward nation. Judges 2:1-10
7. 1 Samuel 1: Israel at this point is greatly _____ and even the spiritual leadership is twisted with immorality.
8. Despite the situation, it is into this cesspool of wickedness that the _____ brings Elkanah, Hannah, and Samuel.

B. The Story: Hannah's trust in the LORD

1. Elkanah was a Kohathite, a descendant of Levi and of the family line _____ to serve the LORD forever. He had two wives, Peninnah, who had children, and Hannah, who was barren.
2. It seems that Elkanah would make a _____ vow to the LORD and offer the appropriate offering to accompany the vow when he went to Shiloh for the yearly sacrifice.
3. The LORD is the One who has _____ Hannah's womb, not Elkanah, not Peninnah, not anyone or anything else.
4. Hannah's reaction to the distress and torment _____ her true heart and dependence, not on her husband or on her circumstances, but on the LORD.
5. Hannah not only cries out for help here, but _____ to give the son she is praying for to the LORD; that son would be a life-long Nazarite, a man separated for the Lord's service.
6. Hannah doesn't _____ around until the LORD answers because she knows that the LORD will work on her behalf.
7. The LORD is worthy of all praise _____ of Who He is, but when people experience His goodness and respond in faith-filled worship, He gets even more glory.
8. True faith requires _____ and trust in the LORD produces fruit.

C. Application: The LORD Hears Those Who Trust in Him

1. Those who trust in the LORD and _____ act on that trust gain the ear and attention of the LORD. The LORD hears those who trust in Him.
2. That trust must _____ every part of our lives: Our homes, our work, our leisure time, our church, everything. Are the things of this life worth more to us than Him?
3. I plead with you, brothers and sisters, _____ God for who He is; it is only in Him that we can find the satisfaction and the answer to our every need.

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A. 1-Hebrew, 2-decay, priests, 3-bondage, 4-fulfilled, 5-back, 6-obey, 7-depraved, 8-LORD, B. 1-dedicated, 2-yearly, 3-closed, 4-reveals, 5-vows, 6-mope, 7-because, 8-action, C. 1-obediently, 2-affect, 4-believe