



# "Faith and the Life of Hannah"

## Living by Faith Series

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### Introduction

Today we will consider the deep grief of a barren wife and how God over the impossible will both care for the broken heart of a poor woman and fulfill His greater purposes for the nation of Israel.

### Those who live by faith...

#### 1. ...love and trust God above \_\_\_\_\_ else.

##### 1) ...receive their \_\_\_\_\_ as from the Lord.

- 5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, **though the LORD had closed her womb.** [1Sa 1:5 ESV]
- 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for **God** cannot be tempted by evil, and He **Himself does not tempt anyone.** 14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. 15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. [Jas 1:13-15 NASB95]
- 2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the **testing of your faith produces steadfastness.** 4 And **let steadfastness have its full effect,** that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. [Jas 1:2-4 ESV]

##### 2) ...learn the light of God's glory shines through the \_\_\_\_\_ vessel.

- 7 So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she [Peninnah] used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah **wept and would not eat.** ... 10 She was **deeply distressed** and prayed to the LORD and **wept bitterly.** [1Sa 1:7, 10 ESV]
- 18 The LORD is **near to the brokenhearted** And **saves those who are crushed in spirit.** [Psa 34:18 NASB95]
- 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O **God,** You **will not despise.** [Psa 51:17 NASB95]
- 3 He **heals the brokenhearted** And **binds up their wounds.** [Psa 147:3 NASB95]

##### 3) ...may trust every \_\_\_\_\_ for goodness to the Lord.

- 11 To this end also we pray for you always, that our **God will** count you worthy of your calling, and **fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power,** [2Th 1:11 NASB95]

##### 4) ...sacrifice their most treasured \_\_\_\_\_ for love of God.

- 10 She, greatly distressed, prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. 11 She made a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and a razor shall never come on his head." [1Sa 1:10-11 NASB95]

## 2. ...find \_\_\_\_\_ from grief and depression.

### 1) ...fight your \_\_\_\_\_ with faith.

- 17 Then Eli answered and said, "Go in peace; and may the God of Israel grant your petition that you have asked of Him." 18 She said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way and ate, and **her face was no longer [sad.]** [1Sa 1:17-18 NASB95]

### 2) ...keep their \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

- 22 But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "[I will not go up] until the child is weaned; then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD and stay there forever." 23 Elkanah her husband said to her, "**Do what seems best to you. Remain until you have weaned him; only may the LORD confirm His word.**" So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. [1Sa 1:22-23 NASB95]
- 13 "Every vow and **every binding oath** to humble herself, **her husband may confirm it or** her husband **may annul it.** [Num 30:13 NASB95]
- 24 Now when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with a three-year-old bull and one ephah of flour and a jug of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD in Shiloh, **although the child was young.** [1Sa 1:24 NASB95]

### 3) ...find that you cannot out \_\_\_\_\_ God.

- 20 Then **Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife** and say, "May the LORD give you children from this woman in place of the one she dedicated to the LORD." And they went to their own home. 21 The LORD visited Hannah; and she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew before the LORD. [1Sa 2:20-21 NASB95]

## 3. .... \_\_\_\_\_ God as Lord over all.

- 29 'Why do you kick at My sacrifice and at My offering which I have commanded [in My] dwelling, and **honor your sons above Me**, by making yourselves fat with the choicest of every offering of My people Israel?' [1Sa 2:29 NASB95]
- 30 "Therefore the LORD God of Israel declares, 'I did indeed say that your house and the house of your father should walk before Me forever'; but now the LORD declares, 'Far be it from Me--for **those who honor Me I will honor**, and those who despise Me will be lightly esteemed. [1Sa 2:30]

### 1) ...acknowledge that God is our \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1 Then Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD, My mouth speaks boldly against my enemies, Because I **rejoice in Your salvation.** [1Sa 2:1 NASB95]

### 2) ...worship God for the beauty of His \_\_\_\_\_.

- 2 "There is **no one holy like the LORD**, Indeed, there is **no one besides You**, Nor is there any **rock like our God.** [1Sa 2:2 NASB95]

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**3) ...embrace \_\_\_\_\_ and flee \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 3 "Boast no more so very proudly, Do not let arrogance come out of your mouth; For the LORD is **a God of knowledge**, And **with Him actions are weighed**. 4 "**The bows of the mighty are shattered**, But the feeble gird on strength. [1Sa 2:3-4 NASB95]

**4) ...know God as \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 6 "The LORD **kills and makes alive**; He **brings down** to Sheol and **raises up**. [1Sa 2:6]
- 7 "The LORD **makes poor** and **rich**; He **brings low**, He also **exalts**. [1Sa 2:7 NASB95]
- 8 "He **raises the poor** from the dust, He **lifts the needy** from the ash heap To make them sit with nobles, And inherit a seat of honor; For **the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S**, And **He set the world on them**. [1Sa 2:8 NASB95]

**5) ...understand the futility of man's \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 9 "He keeps the feet of His godly ones, But the wicked ones are silenced in darkness; For **not by might shall a man prevail**. [1Sa 2:9 NASB95]
- 6 Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts. [Zec 4:6 NASB95]

**6) ...honor the coming Messiah who \_\_\_\_\_ the proud.**

- 10 "Those who contend with the LORD will be shattered; Against them He will thunder in the heavens, **The LORD will judge the ends of the earth**; And He will give strength to **His king**, And will exalt the horn of **His anointed**." [1Sa 2:10 NASB95]
- 31 "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 "**All the nations will be gathered before Him**; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; [Mat 25:31-32]
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