

- Are we following in Hannah's footsteps (thru Christ's power & in light of the goodness & sovereignty of God)?

Hannah's Prayer:

a Servant of the LORD in spite of her Afflictions

1. Hannah's Inspiring Faith & God's Power in Our Weakness

- She & Israel are both afflicted (but for very different reasons)

- She is barren (because the LORD had closed her womb)

- She is loved by her husband (who could not comfort her)

- She is provoked grievously by her rival (year after year)

- She pours out her soul to the LORD
(but Eli the priest thinks she is drunk)

- She's an ordinary woman with an inspiring faith
(used mightily by our extraordinary God)

2. Hannah's Captivating Prayers & God's Reversal of Our Fortunes

- She is deeply distressed & prays to the LORD of Hosts
(as His servant in spite of her afflictions)

- She prays a heart-stopping vow
(and experiences God's peace before her afflictions are ended)

- Her heart exults in the LORD (who reverses our fortunes)

- Her victorious faith & prayers are biblically enriched
(and empowered by a life of worship)

- Do we pray like Hannah
(with a Christ-centered, eschatological hope)?