

THRIVING



IN THE WORD . IN PRAYER . IN FELLOWSHIP

“This beautiful song of praise from the lips of Hannah, freely acknowledges that God is the total authority and in control of all things. He shines even brighter against the backdrop of Hannah’s prayer in the previous chapter when she cries out to God from a broken heart that is overflowing with anguish. It is a comfort to know that God listens to our cries whether they be from a broken heart or a heart overflowing with worship. Often one leads to the other.” — Julie Bernard

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah’s Triumphant Prayer

2 Hannah prayed:

My heart rejoices in the LORD;
my horn is lifted up by the LORD.

My mouth boasts over my enemies,
because I rejoice in your salvation.

² There is no one holy like the LORD.

There is no one besides you!

And there is no rock like our God.

³ Do not boast so proudly,
or let arrogant words come out of your mouth,
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and actions are weighed by him.

4 The bows of the warriors are broken,
but the feeble are clothed with strength.

⁵ Those who are full hire themselves out for food,
but those who are starving hunger no more.

The woman who is childless gives birth to seven,
but the woman with many sons pines away.

⁶ The LORD brings death and gives life;
he sends some down to Sheol, and he raises others up.

⁷ The LORD brings poverty and gives wealth;

he humbles and he exalts.

⁸ He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the trash heap.

He seats them with noblemen
and gives them a throne of honor.

For the foundations of the earth are the LORD's;
he has set the world on them.

⁹ He guards the steps of his faithful ones,
but the wicked perish in darkness,
for a person does not prevail by his own strength.

¹⁰ Those who oppose the LORD will be shattered;
he will thunder in the heavens against them.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth.

He will give power to his king;

he will lift up the horn of his anointed.

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. What does this passage teach us about God?
3. What does this passage teach us about Man?
4. What attitude or approach from this prayer could you add to your prayer life?