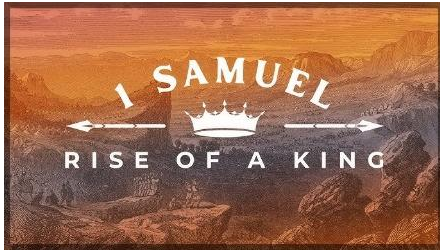


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IN THE MIDST OF (PERSONAL) PROBLEMS, YOU NEED TO TURN TO GOD:

I. Hannah's problem

- A. Her pain (*vs.2-7*)
 1. In that day
 2. Peninnah
- B. Her husband – Elkanah, a spiritual man

Happy Mother's Day!

- Mom's, how's it going?
 - Doing good? - No really, how are things?
 - How about the rest of you?
 - Dads?
 - Singles?
 - Teenagers?
 - Seniors?
- } How are you *really* doing?

Ever think, if you're really down:

- No one understands me.
- No one cares.
- No one loves me.
- No one even likes me.
- I have no friends.
- Everyone else is so much better off.

HERE IN 1 SAMUEL 1:

- We have a woman, Hannah,
- She has problems...
- Things God has allowed in her life.
- Infertility
- A need for understanding.
- Taunting
- A husband that *wants* to help...
- HOW DOES SHE RESPOND?!!

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Elkanah (v.1)

- ✓ Husband/father of upstanding family
- ✓ Cared deeply for his family
- ✓ Carefully attended to his commitments to the LORD (*v.3*).
- ✓ Concerned to fulfill his vows to the Lord.
- ✓ Shared with all the family, portion of meat; but double for Hannah (*v.5*).

- C. Even Eli, the priest – does not understand.

II. Hannah's response (*what does she do*)

- A. Goes to God (*vs.9-10*) Shilo – 15 mls.
- B. She makes a vow (promise) (*v.11*)
- C. She pays her vow
- D. Elkanah's part – he affirmed her.

CONCLUSION:

- God could trust spiritually, Godly people like Hannah & Elkanah. (*even when they're down*)
- To do, to be faithful.
- And the reason we see born here a great man of God - is Samuel's home!
 - To reach your children, live before them.
 - Samuel was disciplined, and loved, - to be in the service of the LORD at 3 years old!!
- Have you made any vows, promises, to God?