

Hannah's Promise

During the time of the judges, there was a woman named Hannah. She was unable to give birth to children, but desperately wanted a baby of her own! So Hannah went to the temple to pray. She prayed with all her might before Yahweh, "If You will give me a son, I will give him back to You, to serve You all his life!" The priest, Eli, who was serving at the temple, saw Hannah' lips moving as she prayed silently and he mistakenly believed she had been drinking too much wine! Once Hannah explained her situation, to Eli, he gave her his blessing.



Hannah felt so much better after praying, and she left the temple with peace in her heart. And Yahweh answered Hannah's prayer. In time, she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, whom she named Samuel. And Hannah kept her promise to Yahweh. When Samuel was old enough, he was brought to the temple to serve Yahweh. Hannah even made her little boy a special little coat every year. The most important thing we can learn from this is that we must always keep our

promises to Yahweh, just like Hannah did. Because of her faithfulness in keeping her vow, Yahweh blessed Hannah with five more children to love!

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"So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son.

She named him Samuel, saying, 'Because I asked Yahweh for him.'"

1 Samuel 1:20 NIV

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What is a Psalm?

The literal meaning of psalm is "praise." The book of Psalms contains 150 poems of praise to Yahweh. The psalms had more than one author, but King David wrote many of them. Many of the psalms were set to music and sung by the Israelites. Below are some sample psalms:

Some of them explain the way that Yahweh wants us to live:

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the unrighteous, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in Yahweh; and in His law doth he meditate day and night." (Psalm 1:1-2)

A great many of the psalms are about being thankful:

"I love Yahweh because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling." (Psalm 116:1, 8)

Other psalms are cries for help:

"My El, my El, why hast Thou forsaken? Why art Thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?" (Psalm 22:1)

Other psalms are about praising Yahweh, such as Psalm 100:1-3:

"Make a joyful noise unto Yahweh, all ye lands. Serve Yahweh with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Know ye that Yahweh is El: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves. We are the people and the sheep of His pasture."

PSALM 111

1 Halleluyah. I will praise Yahweh with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

2 The works of Yahweh are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work is honourable and majestic: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: Yahweh is gracious and full of compassion.

Who am I?

Children are a blessing from Yahweh. Yes, I'm talking about you who are reading this right now! Try to guess who the child was in each sentence below. Scriptures are provided if you don't remember.

1. I was the first child born into the world. My nar	me is . (Gen. 4:1
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- 2. My father was 100 years old when I was born. I am called _____.(Gen. 21:1-5)
- 3. We were the first twins mentioned in the Bible. Our names are _____ and______. (Gen. 25:24-26)
- 4. My cries won the heart of an Egyptian, and she adopted me. She names me ______. (Ex. 2:6-10).
- 5. Who was the most special child ever born into the world? His parents took Him to the temple and He astounded the teachers! We know Him as ______. (Luke 2:42-43).



Brothers and Sisters

Match the sister in the right column with the brother or sister in the left column.

- a. Jehosheba (2 Kings 11:2) 1. Lazarus
- 2. Rachel b. Oholibah (Ezek. 23:4)
- c. Tamar (2 Sam. 13:1) 3. Laban
- d. Merab (1Sam 14:49) 4. Simeon
- 5. Absalom e. Abigail (1 Chron. 2:16)
- 6. Ahaziah f. Mary and Martha (John 11:17-23)
- g. Dinah (Gen. 34:25) 7. Aaron
- h. Tirzah (Num. 26:33) 8. Oholah
- 9. Zeruiah i. Miriam (Ex. 15:20)
- j. Rebekah (Gen. 24:29) 10. Mahlah
- 11. Michal k. Leah (Gen. 29:31—30:1)



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