

**Hannah: A Model to Follow**  
**I Samuel 1:1-20**

**INTRODUCTION:**

- A. Mothers are a very special blessing from God. They are very special people God has placed in our lives who nurture and care for us in ways that only other mothers truly understand.
- B. Often times, mothers do not receive the credit and thanks they truly deserve. They are unsung heroes.
- C. This morning, let's look at Hannah and see why she is a model to be followed by all of us.

**HANNAH'S PROBLEMS:**

- A. She was married to a man who had two wives (v. 2). While common in the Old Testament, polygamy is never endorsed in the Bible.
- B. She was barren (v. 2). The wife's chief role was to bear children. In that culture, there was a stigma with barrenness.
- C. She was provoked by her rival (vs. 6-8). Peninnah provoked Hannah perhaps because of her jealousy.

**HANNAH'S PRAISE:**

- A. She traveled with her husband to worship the Lord every year (vs. 3-8).
- B. She worshipped and praised God even during her difficult circumstances. Hannah was in deep anguish.
- C. She doesn't sulk or blame God for the misfortunes in her life. Instead she continues to go the house of the Lord and offer up praise and worship, year after year.

**HANNAH'S PRAYER:**

- A. She poured out her heart and soul to the Lord in prayer (vs. 9-16).
- B. She was very specific in her prayer about what she wanted. She wanted a son (v. 11).
- C. She trusted the Lord after she poured her heart out in prayer (vs. 17-18).

**HANNAH'S MODEL FOR ALL:**

- A. Respond in grace (Col. 4:6).
- B. Make worship a priority (Heb. 10:25).
- C. Believe in the power of prayer (Psa. 62:8).
- D. Desire and strive to mold your children into dedicated servants of the Lord (Eph. 6:4).

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. Hannah's life impacted her son in a major way. Samuel grew in the presence of the Lord (I Sam. 2:21).
- B. What impact are you having on the people around you? What about your children and grandchild? Is it an impact that can lead to God receiving glory?