

**The Prayer of Hannah and the Birth of Samuel:
A Lesson on Total Dedication
1 Samuel 01: 19–28**

**1. *The result of the prayer
and faith of Samuel’s mother:
God heard and healed
her affliction — gave her a son***

- a. The LORD remembered Hannah’s prayer
- b. The son was born and was named Samuel

**2. *The faithfulness of Hannah:
She nursed the child
and kept her promise
to dedicate Samuel to the LORD***

- a. She was committed to diligently weaning the child — above all else, even above attending the annual festival
- b. She was committed to fulfilling her promise: She informed her husband that the child would be dedicated to the LORD right after he was weaned
- c. She was supported by her husband in her decision to dedicate the child, to the LORD

19 Early the next morning they arose and worshipped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her.

20 So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, “Because I asked the LORD for him.”

21 When her husband Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfil his vow,

22 Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, “After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the LORD, and he will live there always.”

23 “Do what seems best to you,” her husband Elkanah told her. “Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the LORD make good his word.” So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

- d. She dedicated Samuel to the LORD's service
- 1) She took the baby Samuel to the Tabernacle after he was weaned
 - 2) She also took a bull, a half bushel of flour, and some wine for the dedication service
 - 3) She had the bull presented to the LORD
 - 4) She and her husband then took Samuel to Eli, the High Priest
- She reminded Eli of her agonizing prayer for a child some years earlier

 - She demonstrated a selfless devotion to God: She gave Samuel to the LORD, to serve the LORD his whole life

24 After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh.

25 When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli,

26 and she said to him, "Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD.

27 I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him.

28 So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD." And he worshipped the LORD there.