

THE SONG OF HANNAH: A LESSON ON PRAYER, ON PRAISING AND THANKING GOD 1 SAMUEL 02:01–11

Introduction

There is a lack of prayer and praise today. Few people take time to seek the LORD and to praise Him for answered prayer. Yet all of our needs can be met through prayer. Just think! Not a single need ever has to go unmet. No matter what the problem is — fear, terror, insecurity, depression, sickness, hunger, destitution — God promises to meet our needs through prayer.

But there is a problem: most people simply do not believe God's promise. They do not believe God will actually answer their prayers. Consequently, there is little prayer offered up to God. As a result, there is little genuine praise and thanksgiving presented to God for answered prayer.

But this was not true with Hannah. Hannah prayed, and God answered her prayer. Once she had received the answer, she thanked God and praised His name. Her heart rejoiced in the LORD, for He had clearly met her desperate need.

This is a triumphant passage, an eloquent declaration of Hannah's faith in the LORD and in His promise to answer prayer. This is one of the great prayers and songs of the Old Testament, often referred to as "the Song of Hannah." It ranks right along with the other great songs of the Old Testament (the songs of Moses and Miriam, Exo 15:1-18, 21; Deut 32:1-43; the song of Deborah, Jud.5; and the song of David, 2 Sam 22).(Ronald F. Youngblood. *1 Samuel*. p. 578.)

This prayer is the last recorded words of Hannah in Holy Scripture. It is a triumphant climax to the life of a person who believed in prayer, and who praised and thanked God for answering prayer. This is: *The Song of Hannah: A Lesson on Prayer, on Praising and Thanking God*, 1 Samuel 2:1-11.

- I. Hannah thanked God for His personal deliverance (v. 1).
- II. Hannah praised God for Himself (v. 2).
- III. Hannah issued a warning to the proud: God knows all things and judges or reverses the deeds of people (vv. 3-7).
- IV. Hannah predicted the future: the future lay in the hands of the LORD, the Creator of the world (vv. 8-11).

I. 1 Samuel 02:01 Hannah Thanked God for His Personal Deliverance

Hannah thanked God for His personal deliverance. God had done a wonderful thing for Hannah, delivered her from the ridicule, abuse and taunting of Peninnah. God had given

Hannah a son, Samuel. As a result, her heart had broken out in prayer, rejoicing in the LORD for His great deliverance. Note that the focus of her prayer was the LORD. She referred to the LORD over twenty-one times in these ten verses, praying, praising and giving thanks to Him.

Note the reference to her “horn” being exalted, lifted high. The horn is a metaphor taken from the animal world, from creatures such as oxen, goats, deer or rhinoceros. Horns are used by animals for both attack and defence; consequently, horns symbolize strength, power. God had given Hannah’s body the strength, the power to conceive and bare a son. Hannah’s horn — her strength and ability to bear a child — was exalted, lifted high in the LORD. She was now able to boast over her enemies because of the LORD’s deliverance. Peninnah could no longer mock her over her barrenness. God had given her a son, the child Samuel. She had conquered the disgrace and shame of having no child.

Thought 1. God is our Deliverer. Through the LORD, we can be triumphant and victorious, conquering all the trials and temptations of life. Hannah conquered mockery and derision through the power of the LORD. Just as the LORD delivered her, He will deliver us. The LORD will help us conquer the trials and troubling circumstances that confront us. He will make us *more than conquerors* through Him.

Luke 10:19 *“I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.”*

Rom 8:35, 37-39 *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?....No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

1 Cor 10:13 *No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.*

2 Tim 4:18 *The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

Heb 13:6 *So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?”*

2 Pet 2:9 *If this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.*

1 John 5:4-5 *For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.*

Psa 28:7 *The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.*

Psa 40:17 *Yet I am poor and needy; may the LORD think of me. You are my help and my deliverer: O my God, do not delay.*

Psa 44:5 *Through you we push back our enemies; through your name we trample our foes.*

Psa 91:3 *Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.*

Isa 41:10 *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Isa 50:9 *It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.*

II. **1 Samuel 02:02 Hannah Praised God for Himself**

Hannah praised God for Himself. Three features about the LORD in particular are spelled out by Hannah:

1. Hannah praised God for His holiness. To be *holy* means to be set apart and marked as totally different, distinct from all other things. God's holiness is a holiness of perfection — perfect being, perfect essence, perfect character and perfect behaviour. God dwells in perfect righteousness, perfect morality and perfect justice. God dwells in eternal holiness, perfect holiness. The LORD is holy in every detail of His being. All that He is and everything He does is perfect, totally set apart, different, distinct from all other things. Hannah declared that there was no one holy like the LORD.

Rev 15:4 *"Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."*

1 Pet 1:15-16 *But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."*

Exo 15:11 *"Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you — majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?"*

Lev 11:45 *I am the LORD, who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.*

Psa 99:9 *Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.*

Isa 6:3 *And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."*

2. Hannah also declared that there is *no one besides the LORD*. He is the only living and true God, the only God who could have answered her prayer and taken away

her barrenness. There is none other — no other God who lives and possesses such unlimited power. Only the LORD Himself could have heard her prayer and given her a child, delivering her from the scorn and insults of Peninnah. And this the LORD did because He is the living and true God. No one else could have helped her but Him and Him alone.

Mark 12:32 *“Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.”*

1 Cor 8:4 *So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one.*

Eph 4:6 *One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

1 Tim 2:5 *For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*

Gen 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

Exo 15:11 *“Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you — majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?”*

Deut 4:35 *You were shown these things so that you might know that the LORD is God; besides him there is no other.*

Deut 32:39 *“See now that I myself am he! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.”*

2 Sam 7:22 *“How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.”*

1 Kng 8:23 *And said, “LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below — you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.”*

1 Chr 17:20 *There is no one like you, LORD, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.*

Psa 83:18 *Let them know that you, whose name is the LORD — that you alone are the Most High over all the earth.*

Psa 86:10 *For you are great and do marvellous deeds; you alone are God.*

Psa 89:6 *For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?*

Isa 40:18 *With whom, then, will you compare God? To what image will you liken him?*

Isa 43:10-11 *“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no saviour.”*

Isa 45:18 *For this is what the LORD says — he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited — he says: “I am the LORD, and there is no other.”*

3. Hannah praised the LORD for being the *Rock of Life*. She declared that there was no Rock like our God. The image of God as a rock means at least three things:
 - a. God is the support, the foundation and cornerstone of life. Just as a building must be constructed upon a solid, rock-like foundation, so our lives must be built upon the foundation of God. God and God alone can support us and provide the cornerstone necessary to uphold life. Hannah was declaring that God was her rock, and there is no rock like our God.
 - b. God is our protection, our security and safety. A rock gives protection; it is a picture of safety and security. Hannah is declaring that the LORD is her rock of protection, her rock of security and safety.
 - c. God is our strength. A rock is a symbol of strength and stability. Hannah declares there is no rock, no strength and no stability like our God.

Rom 16:25 *Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past.*

Deut 32:4 *He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.*

2 Sam 22:47 *The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be my God, the Rock, my Saviour!*

2 Kng. 6:17 *And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes LORD, so that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire around Elisha.*

2 Chr 16:9 *For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. You have done a foolish thing, and from now on you will be at war.*

Job 11:18 *You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety.*

Psa 18:31 *For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God?*

Psa 28:1 *To you, LORD, I call; you are my Rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who go down to the pit.*

Psa 62:2 *Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.*

Psa 91:5 *You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day.*

Psa 94:22 *But the LORD has become my fortress, and my God the rock in whom I take refuge.*

Psa 112:7 *They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.*

Psa 112:8 *Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.*

Psa 125:2 *As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forever more.*

III. 1 Samuel 02:03–07 *Hannah’s Warning to the Proud: God Knows All Things*

Hannah issued a warning to the proud, to all who go about talking proudly and speaking arrogantly. She warned that God knows all things and reverses and judges the deeds of people. No matter what a person may achieve on this earth — no matter how much power or wealth a person may possess — God knows the heart of a person. And God weighs the heart of the person by the deeds the person does. Just as a tree is known by its fruit, so a person’s heart is known by the deeds (fruit) the person produces.

The point is striking and speaks to us all. God weighs the deeds of us all, and He will judge us by our deeds. Throughout life, God is constantly weighing and evaluating what we do. And if warranted or needed, God can reverse our lives here upon this earth. God can look upon us whenever we have a need and reverse our condition by giving us whatever we lack. On the other hand, when we have everything, God may take it away. God warns us through Hannah: He will reverse our condition, state, welfare, status, position and wealth here on earth — if needed and if warranted or justified. This is God’s clear warning given through Hannah:

1. God’s judgment reverses the strong and the weak (v. 4). Even military forces who are strong can be judged by God and victory given to the weak. If needed or warranted, God can weaken, disarm or disable any of the proud who arrogantly boast of their strength. Through judgment, God can weaken any human body through sickness, disease, accident or age. God can even weaken the human body to the point of death and the grave. Moreover, God can cause the mightiest army to collapse through intrigue and traitors, a surprise attack, some miscalculation, overconfidence, disarmament or a host of other ways.

Likewise, God can take the weak and make them strong. He can raise them up from sickness or miraculously heal them; and He can protect, guide and strengthen them. Furthermore, God can take the weak and give them insight and knowledge, making sure they receive the necessary weapons to defeat the proud and arrogant of this world. God can equip the weak to be victorious and triumphant throughout life. Through God, the weak can become *more than conquerors*.

2. God’s judgment reverses the full and the hungry (v. 5). If a person has plenty of food, so much that he never has to fear being hungry — his circumstances can change under

the judgment of God. If needed or warranted, God can reverse his circumstances. A person's food supply or money can be wiped out by the hand of God's judgment.

So it is with the hungry: they will hunger no more. The day is coming when the hungry who have trusted God will be fed and filled. And they will always have plenty to eat. God's blessings will pour out upon them and give them an abundance. Their pain and despair will be wiped away by God; they will receive a constant provision of food and always be filled by God.

3. God's judgment reverses the barren woman and the fruitful one. Obviously, Hannah is thinking of herself in describing this situation of judgment. Hannah had been barren, but God had acted on her behalf and given her a son. Hannah eventually had six children (v. 21). The point is striking: if needed and warranted, God can give children to the barren woman. And He can weaken the prideful woman who has born a child, weakened her to where she can bear no more children. If needed or warranted, God can make a woman frail and feeble long before her time.
4. God's judgment reverses death and life, sickness and health (v. 6). God is sovereign, ruling and reigning over all beings and events throughout the universe. He is the LORD of life and death. If needed or warranted, God can act in judgment and bring death to a person, or He can raise a person from the bed of sickness, disease or accident. God can protect human life, or He can remove His protective hand and leave a life to face the perils of this world. God can bring a person face-to-face with death and cause him to sink into the pit of the grave.
5. God's judgment reverses the poor and rich, poverty and wealth (v. 7). If the wealthy talk proudly about their investments, property or bank accounts, the judgment of God will fall upon them. It will fall either during this life or when they stand face-to-face with Christ. If needed or warranted, God may act during this life. He may act now by taking away the wealth and bringing the rich person into poverty.

For the poor, God gives a great promise: either in this life or the next, the poor who trust Christ will be made rich. The poor believer will receive wealth beyond human imagination. It is the LORD who gives wealth as well as poverty. He is the Sovereign Ruler who controls the wealth of the universe, either to give or to take away.

6. God's judgment reverses the humble and the exalted (vv. 7-8). If needed or warranted, God takes the proud and brings them low, removing them from their position of esteem and honour. In judgment, God reverses their pride and turns it into shame, embarrassment, humiliation. He places the proud into a situation of being despised. The prideful will be humbled either upon this earth or when coming face-to-face with the Lord Jesus Christ in judgment.

But this is not to be the experience of the person who humbles himself before God. The person who is truly humble before God will be exalted. No matter who the

humble are — no matter how poor or needy — God will take them and exalt them. He will raise the poor from the dust and lift up the needy from the ash heap. God will make them princes and cause them to inherit the throne of glory (v. 8). The exaltation of the lowly will take place either upon this earth or in the new heavens and earth yet to come. This is definitely a prediction of the glory of the humble believer when he meets Christ face-to-face. But if needed or warranted, God will exalt the humble person during his life upon the earth.

Thought 1. This passage is definitely a warning to us and to all future generations. God will judge the *deeds* of us all. And the judgment may come right now, while we are living on this earth. If we keep talking so proudly and speaking so arrogantly, God's judgment will fall upon us. This judgment will definitely be executed against us when we come face-to-face with Christ. But if needed or warranted, His judgment may fall upon us even now, today, while we are living upon this earth. If we walk in pride, committing sin and evil, God can reverse our lives, turn them *upside down*.

But if we follow God, trusting Him to deliver, protect and guide us — God will reverse our lives and turn them *right side up*. This is the promise to all genuine believers, either in this world or in the world to come when we stand before Him in the glory and majesty of heaven itself.

Hannah issued a warning to the proud of all generations: God knows all things and judges the deeds of us all. God is able to reverse the very deeds that we do. This is the strong declaration of Holy Scripture.

Mat 16:27 *“For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.”*

2 Cor 5:10 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.*

1 Pet 1:17 *Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.*

Rev 20:11-15 *Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

Rev 22:12 *“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.”*

Psa 62:12 *And that you, O LORD, are loving. Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done.*

Jer 17:10 *“I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.”*

IV. 1 Samuel 02:08–11 Hannah’s Prophecy: The Future Lay in the Hands of the LORD, the Creator of the World

Hannah predicted the future of several wonderful truths. The future lay in the hands of the LORD, the Creator of the world. It is the LORD who has laid the foundations of the earth; consequently, it is He who controls the events of the world and gives order to the world. Because of God’s sovereign control, three future events are guaranteed, three events that absolutely will take place:

1. The LORD is in control: He will preserve the saints (v. 9). Hannah declares that the LORD will keep — guard and protect — His saints. The word “saint” (*chaciyd* or *hasiyd*) means the consecrated ones, the godly, the faithful, the loving, the devoted, the favoured, the holy, the merciful and the good. A saint is a person who has made a covenant, a promise to love and obey God, to love and obey Him supremely, wholeheartedly. (Psa 12:1,8; 31:23; 34:9; 50:5; 16; 97:10; 145:10,20; 148:14).

Note that the *saints* belong to the LORD. They are His people, “His saints” (v. 9). Because they are His, the LORD will guide, protect and deliver them through all the trials and temptations of this life. And He will give them victory over all their enemies. They will be *more than conquerors* throughout life, triumphing over all the enemies and trials of this world. The LORD will preserve His saints, keeping them wherever their feet may walk.

2 Tim 1:12 *That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.*

2 Tim 4:18 *The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

Gen 28:15 *I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.*

Deut 6:24 *The LORD commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the LORD our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today.*

Psa 31:23 *Love the LORD, all his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full.*

Psa 37:28 *For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off.*

Psa 121:4 Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Prov 2:8 For he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

2. The LORD is in control: He will judge the wicked (vv. 9-10a). The wicked will be silenced in darkness. The picture is descriptive: they will be blinded, unable to see, groping and grasping about trying to find their way through life. They may be strong, able to achieve here and there in life, but they are blind, walking and stumbling about in the dark. Consequently, they eventually fail to overcome or prevail and are unsuccessful. In their blindness and stumbling about, they fall and are broken. Their lives are to be shattered and their eternal fate is to face judgment and condemnation forever. The LORD's wrath will thunder against them from heaven in the day of judgment (v. 10).

Mat 06:23 "But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"

Mat 15:14 "Leave them; they are blind guides. If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit."

John 3:19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

John 5:28-29 "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out — those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned."

Rom 13:11-12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light.

1 Th 5:4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

2 Pet 2:9 If this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.

2 Pet 3:7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

1 John 1:6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

Jude 1:14-15 Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

Rev 20:11-15 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book

was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Deut 28:29 *At midday you will grope about like a blind man in the dark. You will be unsuccessful in everything you do; day after day you will be oppressed and robbed, with no one to rescue you.*

Psa 82:5 *They know nothing, they understand nothing. They walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.*

Prov 4:19 *But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.*

Isa 59:9 *So justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We look for light, but all is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows.*

Jer 23:12 *"Therefore their path will become slippery; they will be banished to darkness and there they will fall. I will bring disaster on them in the year they are punished," declares the LORD.*

3. The LORD is in control: He will strengthen His king and exalt His anointed (v. 10). The phrases "his king" and "his anointed" have a double meaning, referring to both David and Christ. This is a clear prediction of both David and the coming Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. This the first time the word "anointed" (*mashiyach* or *masiyah*) refers to an individual's being the *Anointed One* or the *Messiah*. The use of Hannah's prayer by Mary, the mother of Jesus, suggests that the very first believers considered this to be a prophecy of the coming Messiah (Luke 1:46-55). From this point on throughout the Old Testament, the Messiah or "Anointed One of God" is often referred to (Psa 2:6; Psa 89:20-24; Isa 32:1; Jer 23:5; Eze 22, 24; Hos 3:5; Zec 9:9).

When the child Samuel was born, Hannah saw how God was continuing to fulfil His promise to Abraham. God was continuing to send sons — the seed promised to Abraham — to bless the whole world. By seeing her son Samuel as part of the promised seed, she pointed to the Messiah. She foresaw the sending of the *promised seed* — the Messiah Himself — who would bless the whole world. Hannah declared that God would give strength to His king and exalt the strength of His anointed (v. 10). She was predicting that the LORD would strengthen the king and the coming Messianic King...

- to accomplish their great tasks
- to march through the trials and temptations of life
- to conquer and gain victory over their enemies

- to reconcile their people and bring peace among them
- to give assurance and hope to their subjects

Isa 9:6-7 *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

Mark 16:19 *After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.*

Acts 2:36 *"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."*

Rom 14:9 *For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.*

Phil 2:5-11 *Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Rev 5:12 *In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!" ■*