

The Song of Hannah: A Lesson on Prayer, on Praising and Thanking God 1 Samuel 02: 01–11

1. *Hannah thanked God for His personal deliverance*

- a. Her heart rejoiced
- b. Her strength conquered — through the LORD
- c. Her mouth boasted over her enemies (Peninnah's abuse)

2. *Hannah praised God for Himself*

- a. He is Holy
- b. He is the only living God
- c. He is the Rock of life

3. *Hannah issued a warning to the proud: God knows all things and judges or reverses the deeds of people*

- a. God reverses the strong and the weak, even military Jews who are strong
- b. God reverses the full and the hungry
- c. God reverses the barren woman and the fruitful
- d. God reverses death and life, sickness and health
- e. God reverses the poor and rich
- f. God reverses the humble and the exalted

1 Then Hannah prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the LORD;
in the LORD my horn is lifted high.
My mouth boasts over my enemies,
for I delight in your deliverance.

2 There is no one holy like the LORD;
there is no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

3 Do not keep talking so proudly
or let your mouth speak such arrogance,
for the LORD is a God who knows,
and by him deeds are weighed.

4 The bows of the warriors are broken,
but those who stumbled
are armed with strength.

5 Those who were full hire themselves out
for food, but those who were hungry
are hungry no more.
She who was barren has borne seven children,
but she who has had many sons pines away.

6 The LORD brings death and makes alive;
he brings down to the grave and raises up.

7 The LORD sends poverty and wealth;
he humbles and he exalts.

<p>4. <i>Hannah predicted the future: The future lay in the hands of the LORD, the Creator of the world</i></p> <p>a. The LORD will preserve the saints</p> <p>b. The LORD will judge the wicked</p> <p>1) Silence them in darkness</p> <p>2) Shatter them</p> <p>c. The LORD will strengthen His king and exalt His anointed (a prediction of David and of Christ)</p>	<p>8 He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honour. For the foundations of the earth are the LORD's; on them he has set the world.</p> <p>9 He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness. It is not by strength that one prevails;</p> <p>10 those who oppose the LORD will be broken. The Most High will thunder from heaven; the LORD will judge the ends of the earth. He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.”</p> <p>11 Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the LORD under Eli the priest.</p>
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