

God's Rules

1Samuel 1.1-11

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Introduction

I. Desire for children, vv5-6.

- A. Rules: be fruitful and multiply.
- B. Rule: God opens and closes the womb.

II. First response to taunting & barrenness—sulking, v7.

- A. Rules: turn the other cheek.
- B. Rule: her husband notices and rebukes her.

III. Response to her husband, vv8-9.

- A. Rules: honor your husband.
- B. Rule: divine selection of a husband & the circumstances thereof.

IV. Second response to taunting & barrenness—prayer, v10.

- A. Rules: cast your burden on the Lord.
- B. Rule: God hears the prayer of the upright.

V. Vow to give her child to temple service, v11.

- A. Rules: follow through on your vows.
- B. Rule: God wanted a faithful servant to lead his people.

Conclusion

God's Rule – situations in my life:	God's Rules – commands for me to follow:	My past / current response*: (do I follow his rules or try to be my own ruler and make my own rules?)	My future response* as my will comes into line with God's rule and rules:

* Your "response" includes actions, words, thoughts, and heart attitudes.