

BECOMING A WOMAN OF GRACE **(1 Samuel 1)**

- The tremendous value of a godly mother (1 Timothy 2:15):

A. The SOIL to GROW in GRACE and see GOD'S FAITHFULNESS. (1:1-8)

- 1. Hannah's name means _____, and she fulfilled her name. (1:2) What does God want to teach us about this precious truth?**
- 2. Hannah was an obscure _____ living in an obscure _____, married to an obscure _____, but she was _____ to God and would be greatly used by Him to provide godly spiritual leadership for the next generation in Israel. (1:1) How should this encourage you?**
- 3. Hannah lived in a _____ and _____ home that was far less than perfect. (1:2a) Are some problems in your home self-induced?**
- 4. Hannah was _____, while Peninnah had at least 4 children or more. (1:2) What does this indicate and what is God's perspective on this a painful experience for a woman?**
- 5. Hannah lived in a time of much spiritual _____ toward the things of God and even spiritual _____ by spiritual authorities. (1 Samuel; 1:3) How should this situation challenge & encourage you as a mother?**
- 6. Hannah's husband, Elkanah, was a _____ man that sought to honor the Lord & His Word, though he failed at times. (1:3) Are you thankful for the godly qualities of your husband or do you only see his fleshly faults?**
- 7. Hannah enjoyed with her husband shared _____ and times of _____. (1:3-5) Why is this so important and what should you consider in a possible future mate?**
- 8. Hannah's husband's sought to show his special love toward her, though her _____ would _____ her _____, and her husband would at times _____ in his efforts to comfort her. (1:6-8)**
 - Principle to remember: While trials may be self-induced, sovereignly-permitted, self-provoked, and long lasting, leading to great emotional and physical stress, believers in Christ can still _____ vertically to the Lord in _____ and choose their _____ in the situation they are in regardless of their emotions.
 - What are some promises to remember and to trust the Lord in your trials?

B. The RESPONSES of a GRACIOUS WOMAN who is LEARNING to TRUST the LORD. (1:9-2:11)

1. **This *woman of grace* responded horizontally to her rival without _____, and to her husband in gracious _____ and unconditional _____ for his position instead of a rebuke or putdown - for she responded principally. (1:8-9) What does this require?**

2. **This *woman of grace* also responded vertically as she _____ to the _____ though she was in _____ of soul and _____ in anguish. (1:10) She prayed with heart-felt _____ in _____ upon the Lord, believing that God _____ about her affliction. In addition, her prayer was very _____ with God's _____ in mind. (1:11) What can you learn from this?**

3. **This *woman of grace* understood that the ultimate goal of having children wasn't for her own purposes or pleasure (though a child can give you much of this) but for God's _____ and _____. (1:11) Have you grasped this? (Malachi 2:15; Eph. 6:4)**
 - What is the biblical perspective on "vows"?

4. **This *woman of grace* responds in _____ & _____ as she endured being wrongly _____ by Eli, and then she spoke the _____ and explained her grief. (1:12-16) What can you learn from this?**

5. **This *woman of grace* sees God _____ her prayers on the basis of _____ as she views herself as a _____ and undeserving of God's favor. (1:17-20)**
 - How did this affect her emotionally and physically?
 - What can we learn from these verses?

6. **This *woman of grace* cherished her role as a mother & recognized the _____ time she had with her son so as to be very _____ in impacting and training Samuel in every way for the Lord. (1:21-23)**
 - Was her husband in agreement with this focus & priority?

7. **This *woman of grace* _____ and _____ the Lord with her child's care, and she even _____ the Lord and _____ in Him in an amazing prayer of great doctrinal depth. (1:24 -2:10)**
 - Are you becoming a woman of grace?
 - Some closing thoughts: