

This week we will study about a young boy who, despite his difficult circumstances, loved God with all his heart.



Torchlight

“Though Samuel’s youth was passed at the tabernacle devoted to the worship of God, he was not free from evil influences or sinful example. The sons of Eli feared not God, nor honoured their father; but Samuel did not seek their company nor follow their evil ways. It was his constant endeavor to become what God would have him. This is the privilege of every youth. God is pleased when even little children give themselves to His service.”
– Patriarchs & Prophets p. 573



Samuel

Daily Devotional 33



SUNDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Father, thank You for my Mum and Dad. Please give me a kind and helping heart so I can be a blessing to my family. Please help me to learn something from the Bible reading today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - JAMES 5:13

“Is anyone among you suffering?
Let him pray...”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Samuel 1:1-7



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Today we have read about a man named Elkanah, who had two wives. His first wife, Hannah, was unable to have children so Elkanah married Peninnah who gave him the children that he had so desired. Now we know from our previous studies that having several wives only brought about strife and discord, and that is exactly what happened with this family. Peninnah made life miserable for Hannah. When the family went up to Shiloh to make offerings in the Sanctuary, a family feast followed to celebrate the occasion. Elkanah, who loved his wife Hannah dearly even though she had no children, gave Hannah a double portion of the offerings. Because of this Peninnah harassed



Hannah, reminding her constantly about her childless state. This had been going on year after year. Our reading today tells us that Hannah had finally had enough and left the celebration weeping.

It was jealousy that caused Peninnah to be so mean towards Hannah. Even though Peninnah had been blessed with children, she knew Elkanah loved Hannah more. Being jealous usually means we are not content with our circumstances or the things that we already have. Check out the following Bible verses in *Philippians 4:11*, *Hebrews 13:5* and *1 Timothy 6:6*.

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 1:___

“ _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
_____ because the LORD had closed her womb.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





MONDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear God, thank You for keeping me safe while I slept. Thank You for a new day so that I can live for You. Help me to be happy and content with what I have and to be kind to the people who are around me today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - JAMES 5:13

“Is anyone among you suffering?
Let him pray...”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Samuel 1:8-18



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our Bible reading today tells us that Hannah, in her grief, went to the entrance of the tabernacle and poured out her heart to God in prayer. Hannah told God that if He would answer her prayer she would give her son back to Him. Notice in verse 11 she said, “no razor shall come upon his head”. This meant that she was going to dedicate her child to the LORD's service as a Nazirite (Nazarite). Priest Eli saw Hannah praying so fervently that he thought that she was drunk and told her so. Hannah of course was not drunk and explained the reason of her visit to the Sanctuary. Priest Eli sent Hannah home with a blessing and a hope that God would answer her prayer. Verse 18 tells us that Hannah “was no longer sad”.

Hannah had a great burden, which she went and laid before God. Our memory verse reminds us that we can come to God in prayer and tell Him our troubles.




FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 1:_____

“Then Eli answered and said, ‘Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant _____.’”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





TUESDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, thank You for listening to my prayers. Help me to trust You more and bring my daily worries to You. Thank You for my Bible and providing me with the blessings of education so I can read it.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - JAMES 5:13

“Is anyone among you suffering?
Let him pray...”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Samuel 1:19-28



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today tells us in verse 19 that God remembered Hannah. Hannah's prayers were answered and she had a baby son whom she named Samuel. Samuel was a young boy when Hannah took him to Shiloh on their yearly visit to the Sanctuary. Some people think that Samuel could have been as young as three years old when Hannah gave her only son, so long awaited for, to Priest Eli to serve God in the Sanctuary. Hannah made it clear to Priest Eli in verse 28 that she was giving her son to him to serve God for the rest of his life.



What a sacrifice Hannah made! Hannah had made a life long commitment to not having the presence of her beautiful boy in her home with her. Hannah only had a few years to influence her son in preparing him for his life long service to God. She would have taught Samuel to love God and be obedient to His law. She would also have taught him to pray, and to be kind and helpful. Hannah showed great faith in God, believing that He would take care of her son, as he would be in the Sanctuary and not with her. Hannah had kept her promise to God. Next time you are struggling with your faith, think of the strength of Hannah's faith. That's something to think about!

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 1:_____

“And she said, ‘O my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman _____, _____.’”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





WEDNESDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Father, thank You for loving me so much. Father, I want the faith of Hannah in my life. Please help me to be more faithful so I can live a life with You living in my heart. Help me to understand what I read in the Bible today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - JAMES 5:13

“Is anyone among you suffering?
Let him pray...”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Samuel 2:1-11



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our Bible reading today consists of a prayer that poured out praise and thanksgiving to God from the heart of Hannah. This happened after Hannah gave her son to Priest Eli and they had worshipped God together. Here Hannah gave her only son to a life long service to God and yet she had nothing but joy and praise on her lips.

When you give up something for God, do you have joy and thanksgiving in your heart? Or are you grumpy and unhappy? It's something to think about isn't it! God wants us to give joyfully to Him. After all, when you really think about it, God provides so much for us. Perhaps you could write out a list of all the blessings and things God provides for you. Sometimes when we really contemplate the wonderful things God does for us, we realize we serve a truly awesome God!



FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 2:_____

“No one is holy like the LORD, for there is none besides You, _____
_____.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





THURSDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear God, thank You for the roof over my head, food to eat, and clothes to wear. Help me to have joy and happiness in my heart today so that Your light can shine through me. I love you Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - JAMES 5:13

“Is anyone among you suffering?
Let him pray...”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Samuel 2:12-21



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today tells us about priest Eli's sons, Hophni and Phinehas. The Bible tells us they were taking more than their priestly share of the offerings, which the people came to give at the Sanctuary. If the people questioned Eli's sons about their behaviour, Hophni and Phinehas would threaten them. They also did other things they should not do. They were doing unholy things in a very holy place. Eli had neglected to reprimand their behaviour. Meanwhile, as all this was going on, Samuel ministered before the LORD in the Sanctuary under Priest Eli's guidance. Samuel chose not to be influenced by the behaviour of Eli's sons but faithfully went about his duties in the Sanctuary. Every year Samuel's mother lovingly made a new robe for him and would take it up to him on her yearly visits to the Sanctuary. Eli would bless Hannah and Elkanah, and Hannah had five more children.

Our reading today shows us that if we choose to follow God, even if there is evil all around us, like Samuel it is possible to be able to 'grow before the LORD.' Look at these verses in *2 Peter 3:18* and *Ephesians 4:15*.



FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 2:___

“ _____ ,
_____ him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





FRIDAY

LET'S PRAY

Dear Father, thank You for keeping me safe during this last week. As I help prepare for Your Sabbath today, help me to think about all Your goodness that You have shown me. Thank You for my Bible and please help me to understand what I read in it today.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - JAMES 5:13

“Is anyone among you suffering?
Let him pray...”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Samuel 2:22-36



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

In our reading today Eli pleaded with his sons about their behaviour in the Sanctuary. Eli pointed out that they were sinning against God in His Holy Sanctuary, and no one would be able to intercede for them. They must repent from their own sins before God. Eli's pleadings with his wayward sons fell on deaf ears. They continued in their sinful ways. Eli should have removed them from the Sanctuary but he knew if he did so, their punishment would be death. A man of God was sent to priest Eli to tell him what was going to happen to his sons and his household because he chose to honour his sons above God.



Eli and his two sons had been given the privilege of serving God in the sanctuary. They were descendants of Aaron's household. Sadly they had proved to God that they were unworthy to serve. The service in the Sanctuary had become so corrupt that the Israelites did not even want to come to the Sanctuary anymore. Verse 26 says, "And the child Samuel grew in stature, and favour both with the LORD and men", which is such a testament to how Samuel's mother had trained him to love God with all his heart and mind. Samuel had managed to make wise and positive choices to stay away from the evil being committed in his work place.

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 2:_____

“No, my sons! For it is not a good _____ . _____
_____ .”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





SABBATH

LET'S PRAY Dearest Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son Jesus to this earth to die for my sins. Please forgive me for all my sins and help me to change. Father, as I spend the Sabbath with You today please recharge my batteries so that I can better serve You during the coming week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - JAMES 5:13

“Is anyone among you suffering?
Let him pray...”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Samuel 3:1-21



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Because of the sin of Eli's family and the Israelites following the gods of the Canaanites, God rarely communicated with His people. Our reading today tells us that God wanted to talk with Samuel. This was an amazing honour as we are told that Samuel was only twelve years old when this happened. One night when Samuel and Eli had gone to bed God called Samuel three times. Each time Samuel would get up and go to Eli's side thinking it was him who had called. But each time Eli told him that he had not called Samuel. Eli finally realized it was God who was calling Samuel and instructed Samuel on how to answer God if He called him again. God called Samuel a fourth time and this time Samuel answered Him. God revealed to Samuel things concerning the downfall of Eli's household because he had not restrained his sons. Samuel was overwhelmed with the responsibility of having that information. Eli called Samuel later the next day and asked Samuel to tell him what God had revealed to him. Samuel obeyed and told him what God had said. The story of Samuel gives us great hope that, even amongst the evil of our world today, if we love God with all our hearts and minds and are obedient to His will we too can still thrive with God.



SABBATH QUIZ

1. Who was Elkanah's father? *Clue, look in 1 Sam 1:1* _____
2. Who were Eli's sons? _____
3. What did Hannah take up to her son every year when she visited the Sanctuary? _____
4. How many times did God call Samuel? _____
5. After God had communicated to Samuel, what did Israel call him? *Clue, look in 1 Sam 3:20*
