

## 1 Samuel 2:1-10 *Hannah's Prayer*

So what exactly is Hannah's prayer?

Hannah's prayer is a poem of thanks to God for the birth of her son, Samuel. It is a place of vulnerability, showing the depth of her anxiety and frustration. It is a testimony of God's work in her life, and foreshadows his actions in the lives of others. It celebrates God's holiness and sovereignty.

She prayed to God in the midst of very trying and frustrating circumstances, giving him thanks. She rejoiced in the Lord and glorified Him. She was confident in the future with the Lord, that He would fulfill His promises. All of this is a great example for us on how to pray to God.

Outline:

1 Hannah gives thanksgiving and praise to the Lord (vv 1-2)

2 Hannah warns the proud and arrogant (v 3)

3 Hannah gives glory to God, who humbles the strong and exalts the weak (vv 4-8a)

4 Hannah shows confidence in the Lord for the future (vv 8b-10)

Questions:

How does this scripture cause me to pray to God?

How can I give thanks to God even in the middle of the hardest times and trials?

When I pray, am I giving glory to God for what He's done, or am I just asking for the Wal-mart list of things I want?

Do I pray with the confidence that God will make good on His promises?