

“The Story of Hannah”
1 Sam 1:1-2:1
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I happened across this employee wanted ad for the position of “mother”...

The story of Hannah provides some practical wisdom... for not only for mothers, but also for all of us.

- **V 10...** “...Hannah wept MUCH...”
 - *“Cast all our cares upon the Lord for He cares for you.” – 1 Pet 5:7*
 - Hannah is a good example of this.
 - Is this truth head knowledge or heart knowledge?

- **V 12...** “... kept on praying...”
 - She didn’t give up! She was P_____ in her prayers.
 - Luke 18:1-8 teaches that we should be persistent in order to develop our “spiritual muscles”.

- **V 20...** Hannah’s prayer was answered!
 - Her prayers had P_____ behind them.
 - *“The fervent and effective prayer of a righteous person avails much.” – Jas 5:16*
 - You realize that you’re a righteous person, right?

- **V 28...** “So now I give him to the Lord.”
 - She made good on her P_____.
 - Eccl 5:4-5 does not discourage us to make promises to God. Rather, be sure you fulfill them.
 - Let your yes be yes and your no be no (Mt 5:37)... otherwise you’re a fool!

- **2:1...** “I delight in Your deliverance.”
 - The natural response to an answered prayer is a heart of P_____.
 - 1 Pet 1:8... The inexpressible and glorious joy described in 1 Pet 1 is what Hannah experienced!

Let’s close with 1 Peter 1:1-8...

- **How we can rejoice with “an expressible and glorious joy”?** By learning more of what it means to be one of the elect, chosen, sanctified... to have a greater revelation of God’s mercy, being born again... to walk in this unwavering hope that is an anchor for my soul... to have a greater understanding of the eternal inheritance that we have... WOW!

A closing question: What has God *specifically* promised you? Through the story of Hannah we are encouraged to PRESS IN in prayer and not give up... in order to develop a testimony that’s just as powerful as Hannah’s!