

SPIRITUAL NEEDS: A SON

Presence without promise frustrates progress.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ There is a part in the “Our Father” prayer from Matthew 6:9-13 that touches on the forgiveness of our trespasses and deliverance from temptation. This is about more than just getting out of spiritual harm; it’s about getting onto God’s highway for your life. Seen in this light, Hannah’s prayer in 1 Samuel 1:11 is about far more than a barren woman wanting children.

“And she made a vow, saying, ‘Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.’”

— 1 Samuel 1:11 —

- ❖ Hannah’s prayer is about a child of God wanting a future or **promise**. So much so, that her comfortable estate or **presence** means very little to her without a son or **progress** towards that future. Because **presence without promise frustrates progress**.

Hannah’s presence was comfortable but empty.

- ❖ “And she made a vow....” A vow is a promise or dedication to a higher power when seeking or expressing thanks for things like protection, healing, or deliverance from danger.
- ❖ The scriptural context of 1 Samuel 1 shows us that Hannah and her broader family with Elkanah were people of substance. They showed up at Shiloh every year with something to give from what they had. And their confidence was that what they had to give had value. They were **present** from their station of comfort.
- ❖ They were also in the **Presence** of the Lord Almighty Himself. They knew their vows were of value to Him because they offered them according to His Word. So, the Presence was powerful to Hannah who was in the right place doing the right thing. Knowing that, she knew that she could make a big vow concerning her future.
- ❖ Yet despite that display of faith and the power of presence, Hannah felt empty. Yes, God had blessed her. Yes, she had reason to be grateful. But she needed God to **look** more deeply into her.
- ❖ There was a hole within her plenty, a deep vacuum she named misery. Being God’s servant and an heir of His promises, she made an appeal for God to manifest what He already had for her by asking Him to “Remember me...”

Hannah needed a particular vessel in order to progress.

- ❖ “...And not forget your servant....” Hannah capitalizes on the fact that she is God’s servant, using the term twice. She is positioned for blessing and destiny, but is stuck. She needs a vehicle in order to move forward in her life, to progress, and so Hannah asks God not for a daughter, not for children, but for a son.
- ❖ To better appreciate what Hannah was asking for, we need to shift from our modern lens to God’s eternal lens. A literal translation of the word ‘man’ is “a male seed”, while the word ‘seed’ speaks to fruitfulness into the future. The first-born son held the birthright. More than receiving a double inheritance, the first-born son also replaced his father as head of the household. He belonged to God and received the divine blessing that sealed his future.
- ❖ At various points in the Bible, God transferred this privilege to younger sons and daughters. ‘Sons’—men and women—then

KEY SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 1:11

(all scriptures in text are in NIV unless otherwise noted)

became national catalysts who carry the legacy God has given us, the Church, forward. That is what Hannah wanted to be a part of.

God’s promise of a future inspired Hannah’s promise into that future.

- ❖ “...But give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.”
- ❖ Hannah’s vow wasn’t ordinary. Based on the heroes of Israel, she reached for the stars and vowed that her son would be a Nazirite, an Israelite who consecrated themselves to God through a special vow of separation and holiness. (See Numbers 6:2 and Judges 13:4.)
- ❖ Hannah’s vow is insightful. She knew that God wanted leaders for Israel who would wholeheartedly follow Him and teach people to do the same. This was about covenant.
- ❖ So, she gave her son’s life to the Lord on his behalf before he was even a possibility in human terms. And in doing so, Hannah committed him to a holy, distinct, and separate life.
- ❖ Being the promise meant that her son wouldn’t be able to do things like cut his hair like other boys or drink the fruit of the vine. But, in exchange, he would be privileged to put the bloodline of the Messiah onto the eternal throne of Israel. Then would God’s promise to all of humanity would be fulfilled. That would fill the void in any mother’s heart!
- ❖ Hannah’s plea to God was for a son. What she ended up receiving was a family and a place in the story of the salvation of humanity.
- ❖ Know that God has a promise for you today. Tap into it and you will progress. Because presence without promise frustrates progress.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. There is a pattern for progress in Hannah’s story and quest for a son in 1 Samuel 1. Discuss this pattern. Have you ever used any of the steps Hannah used? If so, what?
2. Providing scriptural reference, what are some promises God has given us? What have you seen fulfilled in your own life or in the life of others?
3. Hannah’s quest has a conclusion while we ourselves are still in the process of writing our own story. But do you currently feel like there’s a hole in your plenty? That there is untapped potential in your life? Here are practical steps to take:
 - ↳ Look around your life situation and pinpoint things that shouldn’t be the way they are (the “holy discontent”);
 - ↳ See if there’s a promise in God’s Word to change that;
 - ↳ If there is, you are the answer. Start by asking God to show you your immediate next step of obedience.

PRAYER TIME

“Lord Almighty...remember me, and forget not Your servant” and give me (insert request). In Jesus’ Name.

WEEK OF SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 🌱 (New idea) 🗨️ (Think about)
! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ➡️ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline

Start-up: Have you ever been in a “wrong place, wrong time” or “right place, right time” situation? How did it work out for you?

**PRAYER FOCUS: U.P.C.I. Ontario District departments,
leaders, participants**

24-hour Prayer: Daily;

Daily Devotions: Monday - Friday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;
Departmental Prayer: Every Thursday (please check schedule)

Corporate Prayer: Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (and in person
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FYYA NIGHT

Date: Friday, July 24th, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Location: Main Sanctuary

Contacts: *Pastor Dan Peel, Sis. Naomi Kovach,
or Sis. Shyanne Solomon*

BEREAN BIBLE STUDY

We look forward to growing in God's Word with you!

Date: Every Monday @ 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
on Zoom and YouTube.

Contact: *Pastor Chris Simpson*

WEDNESDAY CORPORATE BIBLE STUDY

Date: Every Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m. on Zoom and in
person. Contact *Pastor Chris Simpson* for further
information.



FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.
(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)

Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.
(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.
(In person and via Zoom)

Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.
(In person and via Zoom)

Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled
(see ushers for information)

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

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