

## 1 Samuel 2

King James Version (KJV)

First 10 verses are Hannah's prayer to God.

Verse 11 -> end - cover the corrupt ways in Israel.

**2** And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. (She is thanking God for her son. The horn was worn under her veil. This was only done at that time by pregnant women) (There is only one true salvation and only God can provide it. Man has been trying to create his own salvation since the beginning of time – Tower of Babel, cloning, organ replacement, rapture doctrine, etc)

<sup>2</sup>There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God. Deuteronomy-32:31 (Our Rock is not their rock <the Kenites' rock is Satan>)

<sup>3</sup>Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. (Pride was Satan's downfall. It can also be man's downfall)

Proverbs-1:7 (The reverence of the LORD is the beginning of all wisdom, but fools despise instruction)

<sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. (God can make the strong weak or the weak strong)

<sup>5</sup>They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. (full = rich – better translation; God can make the rich hungry and the poor well fed. HE can give us children or take them away)

<sup>6</sup>The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. (God has the power of life and death – physically and spiritually. HE created all things)

<sup>7</sup>The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. (The wicked are brought down and the humble are elevated)

<sup>8</sup> He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them. (God has power over all creation. HE can raise peasants to be kings, or abase kings to be beggars)

<sup>9</sup> He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. (for by His own strength shall no man prevail – correct translation; man's strength is nothing compared to the strength that God can give us)

<sup>10</sup> The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed. (Judgement – God will have the last word) (his anointed – Jesus Christ – God in the flesh; Christ = Christos <Greek> = the Anointed One)

(This is the first time in the Bible that the Anointed One of God is mentioned. Hannah prophesied in this prayer that God would come to us in the flesh as Jesus Christ – the Anointed One)

<sup>11</sup> And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest. (Samuel worked for Eli the priest when he came of age)

<sup>12</sup> Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD. (Belial = worthless or lawless; they revered not the LORD – better translation)

(Eli turned a blind eye to his two corrupt sons, who were priests in God's tabernacle. At this time Eli was the Judge and high priest over Israel. These priests were supposed to teach the people about God's Word, since the average person could not read the manuscripts)

<sup>13</sup> And the priest's custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand; (This was the peace offering. It didn't belong to the priest. It belonged to the offerer's family for a meal with God. Eli's sons stole a portion for themselves using these flesh hooks)

<sup>14</sup> And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in

Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither. (The priest's portion was supposed to be the "wave breast", and the "heave shoulder". They were already getting 2 choice cuts. They stole this additional portion from all the people who came to make an offering to God)

<sup>15</sup> Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw. (This is even worse. The fat belonged to God in a burnt offering. The sons of Eli were cutting meat off of the offering for themselves. So now, they were also stealing from God's portion)

<sup>16</sup> And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force. (Even the people saw how serious this offence was. They were pleading with the priests to leave God's portion, and take extra from their portion. The priests threatened those who resisted)

<sup>17</sup> Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD. (These corrupt priests were driving the people away from the temple, because of their sins)

<sup>18</sup> But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod. (linen ephod – a priest's attire; Samuel remained true to God and did what was right)

<sup>19</sup> Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

<sup>20</sup> And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home. (Eli was thanking Samuel's parents for Samuel, and asking God to give them a blessing)

<sup>21</sup> And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD. (God gave Hannah additional children)

<sup>22</sup> Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. (They were even molesting the women who came to the temple to worship God and minister to the sanctuary)

<sup>23</sup> And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. (Their corruption became public knowledge)

<sup>24</sup> Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people to transgress. (They were driving people away from God tabernacle)

(Look at the damage that the pedophile priests have done to the Catholic Church, or that millionaire TV preachers do to their churches)

<sup>25</sup> If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them. (He warned them and asked them to stop the sinning; but he did nothing to stop them. That made Eli as guilty as his sons) (God had already judged them to death)

<sup>26</sup> And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men. (Samuel grew up to be a good priest, favored by God and loved by the people)

<sup>27</sup> And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? (The answer is YES. God appeared to Moses and Aaron. This man was a real prophet, sent by God to warn Eli. Will Eli wise up?)

<sup>28</sup> And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel? (God chose the Levites) Exodus-32:26 (They were given a choice portion of the people's offerings, yet that wasn't enough for these two crooked priests <Eli's sons> who started stealing. They stole from the peoples' offerings and from God's portion) Leviticus-6 & 7, Numbers-18

<sup>29</sup> Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? (kick = to trample upon or to despise) (God is calling Eli out for stealing the offerings from God and from the people doing the offering. By not stopping his crooked sons, Eli put them above God)

<sup>30</sup> Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. (Be it far from me – God will put an end to it) (They refused to honor God, He will not honor them)

<sup>31</sup> Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house. (God will end the house of Eli for all the crimes they committed against God and against the people. God was removing Eli's progeny from the priest line and from Israel)

<sup>32</sup> And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever. (The enemy will continue to plague to Israel because of their sins; Eli's progeny will end completely)

<sup>33</sup> And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age. (They won't live long enough to be priests)

(This prophecy will be fulfilled later through Ahimelech. He will help King David escape Saul. In retaliation, Ahimelech and his family will be completely wiped out by the Edomite <Doeg> under Saul's orders) see 1Samuel 22:9-23

<sup>34</sup> And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them. (Judgment on the two crooked priests) Chapter-4:11

<sup>35</sup> And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever. (faithful priest - God spoke of Samuel in that day; and the Elect during the Millennium) Ezekiel-44:15 (mine anointed - Jesus Christ is God's Anointed, now and forever)

<sup>36</sup> And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thine house shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread. (Those of Eli's descendants

who did survive this judgment were reduced, almost to the state of being beggars. Eli's descendants were no longer fit to be priests)