

No Grace, No Glory
1 Samuel 1:1 – 2:10

EPHRATH

Town in the Judean hill country later named _____.

1. On the road to Ephrath, Rachel died while giving birth to Benjamin. (The only son of Jacob born in the promised land. (Gn 35:16–19).
2. Naomi's family, who identified themselves as Ephrathites (Ru 1:2).
3. Ephrath was the dwelling place of Ruth and Boaz (Ru 4:11),
4. David's childhood home (1 Sm 17:12),
5. The _____ was predicted and then born in Bethlehem at Migdal Eder (Mi 5:2).

Wives of Elkanah

1. _____ – her name means grace – unearned favor of God
2. _____ – (Pen neen ah) – root of her name means rubies or something of a reddish substance.

4 Key character traits of Hannah

1. _____ Prayer – 10-15

Hannah was coping with a deep distress and doubt.

God allowed Hannah to bare a cultural and emotional shame.
HE closed her womb.

WHY?

Once again, God doesn't owe an explanation and once again His answer to Hannah's Why is Who – I am God – trust me.

Trusting God doesn't mean that it won't hurt.... horribly!

Verse 8 – Elkanah tried to console her.

Verse 14 – Eli tried to rebuke her.

What is fervent prayer?

Verse 15 – Pouring out your _____ before the Lord.
_____ with God.

Get honest – real honest – gut level honest – base level, no holds barred, let it all out, I don't care anymore honest to God.

I have seen God take myself and others through incredibly deep unexplained waters of pain and see it do a work within the soul that nothing else would.

Fervent prayer - Pouring out your soul before the Lord.

When was the last time you experienced fervent prayer?

2. She lived out her _____ 11, 26-28

This is more than obedience or living out a promise or vow.

You can obey someone you don't _____.

Believing in someone or something is evidenced in behavior.

We struggle more with believing than behaving.

What did she believe?

God is Holy – 2:2 God is incorruptible

God is _____ – 2:2 God is in control over everything that happens

God is Omniscient – 2:3 Nothing can ever come to light in the believer's life that would surprise God and cause Him to cast him out

God is _____ – 2:4 God is absolutely fair in His judgments

When all other sources of joy dry up, there is not a moment that you cannot rejoice in the person, principles or promises of God.

When struggling with life that has no answers,
believe in a God who has them all.

3. _____ to family – 24, 18,19

Even though Hannah dedicated Samuel to the Lord, she still provided for him.

Devotion doesn't always mean holding on tightly but it can also mean letting go.

4. _____ God – 2:1-10

Verse 10 is one of the great verses of Scripture and the first one to use the name *Messiah*—the word *anointed* is the Hebrew word *Messiah*.

Application:

How we can be a Hannah?

- By allowing a crisis to force us to our knees, passionately praying the impossible into existence
- By focusing on changing our beliefs to conform to the principles of God and let those beliefs change our behavior and not the opposite.
- By demonstrating devotion by letting go of that which is most precious into the hand of God.
- By placing everything into God's hand because we see God's hand in everything.