



The Harness Devotional

June 29 - July 4

Verses: 1 Samuel 1:11-20; 2:1-2

1 Samuel 1:10-20 - And she made a vow, saying, "O Lord Almighty, if you will only look upon 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." As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving, but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, "How long will you keep on getting drunk? Get rid of your wine." "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him." She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast. Early the next morning, they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah lay with Hannah, his wife, and the Lord remembered her. So in the course of time, Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him." (NIV)

1 Samuel 2:1-2 - Then Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the Lord; In the Lord my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance. "There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. (NIV)

Worship Song for the Week

["Wait on You" by Elevation Worship & Maverick City Music](#)

This song echoes Hannah's journey of pouring out her soul and waiting for the Lord to move in His perfect time.

Monday - Day 1: The Vow of Surrender

Focus: "And she made a vow, saying, 'Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me... then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life...' " (1 Sam 1:11). Hannah's prayer wasn't just a request for a gift; it was an offer of partnership. She realized that the very thing she wanted most belonged to God first.

Opening Prayer: Lord, help me to hold my desires with open hands. Give me the grace to say, "If You give this to me, I will give it back to You."

Reflection: What is the "one thing" I am asking God for right now? Am I willing to surrender that thing to His purposes once I receive it?

Tuesday - Day 2: Pouring Out the Soul

Focus: "Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard... 'I was pouring out my soul to the Lord.'" (1 Sam 1:13, 15) Real prayer isn't always polished or loud. Sometimes it is a desperate, silent ache. God doesn't need "pretty" prayers; He wants the honest "pouring out" of our deepest burdens.

Opening Prayer: Father, thank You that I don't have to perform for You. I come today to pour out my real heart—the messy, hurting, and hopeful parts—into Your hands.

Reflection: Am I "filtering" my prayers to sound more spiritual, or am I truly pouring out my soul to the Lord today?

Wednesday - Day 3: The Peace of the Promise

Focus: "Eli answered, 'Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.' ... Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast." (1 Sam 1:17–18) Hannah's countenance changed before she was pregnant. She found peace in the character of God and the word.

Opening Prayer: Lord, grant me the "peace that passes understanding." Help me to eat and be glad today, trusting that You have heard my cry even before I see the result.

Reflection: Can I be "no longer downcast" today simply because I have left my burden at God's feet?

Thursday - Day 4: The God Who Remembers

Focus: "Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son." (1 Sam 1:19–20) The phrase "the Lord remembered" doesn't mean He forgot; it means He acted on her behalf at the perfect time. God's timing is often a "course of time," not an instant fix.

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for remembering me. I trust Your timing over my own and believe that You are working even in the "waiting" seasons of my life.

Reflection: How does knowing that God "remembers" me change the way I view the delays I am currently facing?

Friday - Day 5: My Heart Rejoices

Focus: "Then Hannah prayed and said: 'My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance.'" (1 Sam 2:1) Hannah's first response to the miracle was a song of praise. She didn't just celebrate the baby; she celebrated the Deliverer.

Opening Prayer: Lord, I rejoice in You today. Not just for what You do, but for who You are. You are my strength and my song.

Reflection: If God answered my biggest prayer today, would my primary joy be in the "gift" or in the "Giver"?

Saturday - Day 6: The Unmatched Rock

Focus: "There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God." (1 Sam 2:2) Hannah ended her journey by declaring God's uniqueness. She found that while people and circumstances are shifty, God is a solid, unshakeable Rock.

Opening Prayer: Almighty God, I stand on You as my Rock. Thank You that when everything else is shaking, Your holiness and Your presence remain the same.

Reflection: Looking back over my week, in what ways has God proven Himself to be the "Rock" of my life?