

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
FIRST AND SECOND SAMUEL
LESSON 2
HANNAH'S SONG
1 SAMUEL 2:1-10
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20 – SEPTEMBER 25**

In **1 Samuel chapter 1**, God sovereignly selected a barren woman to birth a son who will become a great priest, prophet, and judge of Israel. Samuel became the prophet who would anoint the first and second kings of Israel and he would point forward in time to the promised King of Kings, the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the close of **chapter 1**, Hannah gives up her son and commits him to a life devoted to serve the Lord. Immediately following this great act of devotion to God, she bursts forth in a prayer of praise and adoration. (**1 Samuel 2:1-10**). In this prayer, Hannah sets the stage for many of the theological themes of **1 and 2 Samuel**. She praises God for His holiness; His sovereign control; His justice, His mercy; His protection of the redeemed; His judgement of the wicked and His promised coming reign and rule over the whole earth through the Messiah.

Hannah's prayer in **chapter 2** and David's prayer in **Second Samuel 22** provide the bookends for **1 and 2 Samuel**. Both prayers point to the future, promised Messiah who will reign and rule over the entire earth.

As you study and meditate upon these 10 significant verses ask God to fill not only your heart but your mouth with praise and adoration of Yahweh and the great hope that we have as we anticipate the return of the Messiah.

Read 1 Samuel 2:1-10, then return to 1 Sam. 2:1-2 Hannah's Proclamation of Praise

1. Horn is a symbol in many O.T. passages which refer to strength or power. In **verse 1**, how does Hannah express her praise and exaltation of Yahweh?
2. Hannah focuses her praise in **verse 2** on what attributes or character of Yahweh? Read also **Ps. 18:1-2** to expand and explain Hannah's reference to "*rock*" and "*horn*".
3. Read **Luke 1:46-49**, Mary's prayer, to show the similarities to Hannah's prayer in **verses 1 and 2**.

Read 1 Samuel 2:3-8 Hannah Warns the Proud and Contrasts God's Treatment of the Arrogant and Humble

4. What is Hannah's warning to the proud and arrogant in **verse 3**?
5. Hannah rejoices in **verses 4-8** in the Lord's exercise of justice illustrated in these contrasting actions or reversals of fortune. What are the contrasts or reversals in these verses:
 - **Verse 4**

- Verse 5
- Verse 6|
- Verse 7
- Verse 8a

6. What does **verse 8b** teach about the basis of these contrasts or reversals?

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Read 1 Samuel 2:9-10 Hannah Rejoices in Future Hope

7. What is the great promise and hope of the redeemed in verse 9a? See also **Ps. 37:23-24; Ps. 66:9; Ps 94:18** How does that truth provide assurance and comfort to you now?
8. What does the future hold for the unredeemed, the wicked in **verses 9-10a**?
9. After reading **Isaiah 9:6-7; Rev 17:4; Rev. 19:11-16**, what is the great future hope Hannah expresses in **verse 10b**?
10. Yahweh gives strength to “*His king*” and exalts “*His anointed*” in **verse 10**. Who is this passage referring to? See also **Matt.19:15-16; Luke 1:32-33**.

“It was this future, victorious king whom Hannah anticipated and Saul and David prefigured.”

“The kings of Israel, particularly David, foreshadowed Yahweh's ultimate anointed king. The English word “*Messiah*” represents the Hebrew word used here meaning anointed. Thus this ultimate King who would rule over the nations of the earth came to be referred to as “*the Messiah*” . [MacArthur Study Bible](#), footnote 1 Samuel 2:10

What hope and comfort do you find in the truths of this Spirit inspired prayer of Hannah?

How does the certainty of the return and reign of Christ as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords provide a calm and peace to you during uncertainty and the trials of this life?