

Hannah's Prayer 1Samuel 1:9-20

We need to depend on God

Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hannah's prayer was scripturally directed

Hannah prayed to the Lord. **1Samuel 1:11,15-17,20**

We pray to the Lord.

"pray to your Father" "Our Father" **Matthew 6:6,9**

"...they lifted their voices to God..." **Acts 4:24**

Pray - Father thru Jesus.

"I thank my God through Jesus..." **Romans 1:8**

By His authority

Colossians 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

"Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do..." **John 14:13**

Does "in name" = rule or authority?

Ephesians 1:21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Acts 19:5 "baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus...."

More than saying "In Jesus' name." 7 sons of Sceva **Acts 19:13-15**

Jesus our "go between" mediator; advocate **1John 2:1-2**; High Priest **Hebrews 7:24-25**; intercessor

Romans 8:34; aid **Hebrews 2:17-18**

Why pray to the Father?

Hebrews 13:6 "The Lord is my helper..."

Psalms 46:1 "...very present help in trouble."

God knows our needs before we ask. **Matthew 6:8,18,32**

It is service to God -- He desires our worship. **John 4:23-24**

God able to answer our prayer.

Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

Acts 4:29-31 "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

He answered Hannah **1Samuel 2:19-20**

Hannah's prayer was scripturally motivated

Hannah wanted son, not selfish, gave him to Lord. Desired to be fully a wife. Provocation of another made her sad.

Why do we pray?

Entreaties, petitions and thanksgivings **1Timothy 2:1**

Paul petitioned God -- thorn in flesh. **2Corinthians 12:7-9**

2Thessalonians 3:1 "Pray for us ... word of Lord will spread rapidly..."

For God to forgive others

2Timothy 4:16 At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them.

Praise "express favorable judgment of; to glorify" Web

Psalms 84:9-12; **Daniel 2:20-23**; Hannah's prayer. **1Samuel 2:1-10**

Thanksgiving

John 11:41 "...Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ..."

Romans 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.

Philippians 4:6 "...with thanksgiving let your..."

Acknowledge to God our sins. We all need to do this!

Luke 18:13 ... "God be merciful to me, the sinner"

James 5:16 ... confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another ...

1John 1:9 "If we confess our sins..."

Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

Matthew 26:41 Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation ...

Luke 18:1 ... at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,

Paul & Silas less likely to take vengeance sing & pray Acts 16:25

Careful about asking amiss. James 4:1-3

Hannah's prayer was scripturally executed (check time)

Hannah "...poured out my soul before the Lord" 1Samuel 1:15

Exalted God, humbled self, believed, and was fervent.

Not the physical

1Samuel 1:13 As for Hannah, she was speaking in her heart, only her lips were moving, but her voice was not heard.

But her focus & attitude

Humbly. Self-abasement. (Results in exaltation of God).

Romans 8:26 "...for we do not know how to pray as we should..."

James 1:6 ...But he must ask in faith without any doubting, ...

Proper terms & expressions -- use words you & audience understand.

"You" versus "Thou" -- use terms that uplift, edify

Constant. "Pray without ceasing." 1Thessalonians 5:17

Forgiving. Matthew 6:14-15

Public prayers should be understandable 1Corinthians 14:15-16

Boldly. Hebrews 4:15-16; 10:19-22

Hannah's prayer scripturally acted upon - human part.

Hannah's action after prayer. "No longer sad" 1Samuel 1:18 Placed case God's hands - God remembered Hannah 1Samuel 1:19-20

What are we to do after praying?

Continue believe

Matthew 21:22 "And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

"Faith without work is dead" Does God answer prayers of dead faith?

Pray for daily food -- must work

Pray for health -- care for body

Pray for indifferent Christians -- must go to them

Pray for spiritual growth -- study, worship

Pray for unity -- conduct self so as to help

Pray for others to be saved -- work

Pray for forgiveness of sins -- God's part

Hannah's prayer was scripturally answered -- God's part.

God gave Hannah a son. 1Samuel 1:20

God will answer our prayers in harmony with His will.

James 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

If you feel that God has not answered your prayer maybe you need to reexamine your prayer.

Your prayer may be scripturally directed, motivated, and executed, but if not scripturally acted upon God cannot answer it.

1John 3:22 and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.

Hannah scripturally responded to God's answer to prayer.

Hannah gave her son, acknowledging God's answer. Praised God. 1Samuel 2:1-10

Do we fulfill our promises to God?

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