

Living On A Prayer - Hannah's Prayer

Introduction:

Prayer is powerful. We bring our requests to God in prayer, and God in His infinite wisdom answers our prayers. Sometimes, He answers *yes*. Sometimes, He answers *no*. Sometimes, He answers *not yet*. However, God answers our prayers; his ways are always higher than our ways. His thoughts are always higher than our thoughts. That said, prayer is powerful and personal. It is because God is powerful and personal. He is the maker of the Heavens and the earth but also loves to listen to His children pray and answer their prayers. The story of Hannah is a beautiful representation of this truth. In desperation, Hannah calls upon the Lord's name, and He answers her prayer. Not only does He answer by giving her a son, but by showing that He heard her cry and never left nor forsaken her. In that same way, God hears our prayers and has never left nor forsaken us.

Read Your Bible

- 1 Samuel 1:9-20
- Luke 1:46-55

Apply God's Word to Your Life:

1. How would you define 'prayer?'
2. Do you pray? If so, when? Where? With whom? Why?
3. Have you ever prayed in a state of anguish? How did this affect your prayers?
4. Do you ever feel like God has forgotten about you? Why or why not?
5. Have you ever seen God answer any of your prayers?
6. What similarities can you find between Hannah's Prayer and Mary's Prayer?
7. How can Hannah's prayer help shape your prayer life?

Reflecting on the text:

1. What have you learned about God?
2. What have you learned about the world?
3. What have you learned about yourself?

Pray

Lord Almighty, today we ask that you remember us when we call upon you. Turn your face towards us and answer when we call. Thank you for faithfully giving us every spiritual blessing in Christ. We worship you today. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen!