

# GODLY *Mothers*

The background of the slide is a vibrant pink with a subtle vertical striped pattern. In the center, the word 'GODLY' is written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, the word 'Mothers' is written in a white, elegant cursive script. To the right of the text, there is a black silhouette of a woman in a long dress walking hand-in-hand with a smaller child. At the bottom of the slide, there is a black silhouette of a field of flowers and grass.

1 Sam. 2:34-35

*“Being the Mother of a Child that Pleases God”*

1 Sam. 2:34 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.

35 And **I will raise me up a faithful priest, *that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind:*** and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.



What godly mother would not want to hear this promise that comes from the Lord about her child! God describes such a child in these terms:

- One that would be “a faithful priest”
- One that “shall do according to *that* which *is* in mine heart”
- One that “shall do according to *that* which *is*...in mine mind”
- One that would have a blessed future – “...I will build him a sure house...”
- One that would be a servant of God – “...and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.



## I. HANNAH WAS A WOMAN OF FAITH = PROFESSION

1 Sam. 1:1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaimzophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name *was* Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite:

2 And he had two wives; the name of the one *was* Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, *were* there.

4 And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:

5 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; **for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.**



A. She was Married

B. She was Marred

- Barren women bore a stigma of being without God's blessings.
- Perhaps Elkanah was a polygamist due to her barrenness.
- "...the LORD had shut up her womb."

We are ALL marred:

Rom. 3:23 For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom. 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that **all have sinned**:



## C. She was a Mother

**But God is able to transform the marred into the miraculous joy of motherhood!**

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* **a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

Ps 113:9 He maketh the **barren** woman to keep house, *and* **to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.**

Psa. 127:3 Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* **the fruit of the womb is his reward.**

2 Pet. 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, **they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**



## II. HANNAH WAS A WOMAN OF FIDELITY = PRACTICE

1 Sam. 1:6 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.

7 And *as* he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

A. She endured the ridicule of Peninnah - 1 Sam. 1:6-7

B. She engaged the Redeemer in Prayer - 1 Sam. 1:10

1 Sam. 1:10 And she *was* in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

C. She enjoyed the reaping of the Plea - 1 Sam. 1:12-15, 20



1 Sam. 1:12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.

13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I *am* a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, *saying*, Because I have asked him of the LORD.





### III. HANNAH WAS A WOMAN OF FRUITFULNESS = PROOF

2 Cor. 2:9 For to this end also did I write, **that I might know the proof of you**, whether ye be obedient in all things.

2 Cor. 8:24 Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, **the proof of your love**, and of our boasting on your behalf.

A. Her Profession was Certain



1 Sam. 1:20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and **called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.**

24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child *was* young.

25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

26 And she said, Oh my lord, *as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am* the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD.

27 **For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:**

28 Therefore also **I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD.** And he worshipped the LORD there.

B. Her Practice was Consistent



1 Sam. 2:1 And **Hannah prayed**, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD; because I rejoice in thy salvation.

2 *There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.*

- Hannah prayed – “And Hannah prayed...”
- Hannah rejoiced – “...and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD...”
- Hannah exalted the LORD – “...mine horn is exalted in the LORD...”
- Hannah triumphed over challenges – “...my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies...”
- Hannah enjoyed her salvation – “...because I rejoice in thy salvation.”
- Hannah trusted the LORD



- “*There is none holy as the LORD:*
- *for there is none beside thee:*
- *neither is there any rock like our God.*”

### C. Her Proof was Confirmed

1 Sam. 2:18 But Samuel ministered before the LORD, *being* a child, girded with a linen ephod.

19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought *it* to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

- Her Faith Produced Fruit – Samuel
- Her Faithfulness Produced Faithfulness – “...Samuel ministered before the LORD...And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.”
- Her Fruitfulness honored her Faithfulness – “...the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters...”



## Conclusion

Prov. 22:6 **Train up a child in the way he should go:** and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

2 Tim. 3:15 And that **from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures**, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.



2 Tim. 1:5 When I call to remembrance **the unfeigned faith that is in thee**, which dwelt **first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice**; and I am persuaded that in thee **also**.

Gal. 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

