

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

A Word For Those Who Are Waiting on the Lord

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Isaiah 40:27 NLT - O Jacob, how can you say the LORD does not see your troubles? O Israel, how can you say God ignores your rights? **28** Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding.

He has you covered:

Isaiah 40:29 NLT - He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.

Isaiah 40:30 Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, **31 Yet those who wait for the LORD** Will gain new strength; They will mount up [with] wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

The Bible is a book of illustrations:

- **The account of Hanna is an excellent illustration on how to wait on God through the impossible**

1 Samuel 1:1 Now there was a certain man from... the hill country of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah... **2** He had two wives: the name of one was Hannah and the name of the other Peninnah; and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

1 Samuel 1:4 When the day came that Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and her daughters; **5** but to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, but the LORD had closed her womb.

- **In other words, Hanna found herself in a situation where she could not produce that which was needed...**

1 Samuel 1:6 Her rival, however, would provoke her bitterly to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb.

1 Samuel 1:7 It happened year after year, as often as she (Hannah) went up to the house of the LORD, she (Peninnah) would provoke her; ...

Psalms 27:12 Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries, For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence. ...

Only Stay strong, and let your heart take courage, for He Who promised is faithful:

Psalm 27:13 [I would have despaired] unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.

27:14 Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD.

Not only wait for the Lord but follow His ways:

Psalm 37:34 Wait for the LORD and keep His way, And He will exalt you to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

1 Samuel 1:10 She (Hannah), greatly distressed, prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly.

1 Samuel 1:12 Now it came about, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli was watching her mouth.

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

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Catch this, don't miss this:

1 Samuel 1: 17 Then *Eli answered and said*, "Go in peace; and may the God of Israel grant your petition that you have asked of Him." **18** She said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your sight." ***So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer [sad.]***

- **Faith comes by hearing**
- **Hannah heard a word of hope, a word through a man but which came from the Lord**

Psalm 130:5 I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait, And in His word do I hope. ... **7** O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is lovingkindness, And with Him is abundant redemption.

Lamentations 3:25 The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him. **26** [It is] good that he waits silently For the salvation of the LORD.

Exodus 14:14 "The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent."

- **Hold your peace and do not complain**
- **Silent= hold your tongue**
- **And as you do the Lord will vindicate you**

So, 1 Samual opens with a distressed and sorely afflicted Hannah:

1 Samuel 1:7 It happened year after year, as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she would provoke her; so she wept and would not eat. **8** Then Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep and why do you not eat and why is your heart sad? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

But look at the transformation Hannah received from the Lord:

1 Samuel 2:1 NLT - Then Hannah prayed: "My heart rejoices in the LORD! The LORD has made me strong. Now I have an answer for my enemies; I rejoice because you rescued me.

1 Samuel 2:2 NLT - No one is holy like the LORD! There is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

1 Samuel 2:3 NLT - "Stop acting so proud and haughty! Don't speak with such arrogance! For the LORD is a God who knows what you have done; he will judge your actions.

1 Samuel 2:4 NLT - The bow of the mighty is now broken, and those who stumbled are now strong.

1 Samuel 2:5 NLT - Those who were well fed are now starving, and those who were starving are now full. The childless woman now has seven children, and the woman with many children wastes away....

1 Samuel 2:8 NLT - He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump. He sets them among princes, placing them in seats of honor. For all the earth is the LORD's, and he has set the world in order.

1 Samuel 2:9 NLT - "He will protect his faithful ones, but the wicked will disappear in darkness. ***No one will succeed by strength alone.***