



The
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Study Guide
& Workbook

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A Note from Rachel

Dear Friend,

Thank you for joining in this study on the power of prayer! When the Lord weaved the story of Hannah into my heart over 5 years ago, I knew he had a special plan. Though I never dreamed his plan would unfold the way it has, I prayed for you before you ever knew that you would be participating in this study. I hope you enjoy the guide and Bible reading recommendations. May the sweet perfume of his presence flood your soul as we draw closer to him.

Rachel

How to Use the Study and Study Guide

The Sensational Scent of Prayer, available on Amazon in both ebook and paperback form, is a 10,000 word book covering Hannah, an Old Testament Bible character who is known for her answered prayer of God giving her a child. The book was written as a summary of the Bible study teaching originally completed through a ladies' community Bible study.

This study guide has been written to accompany the book in two forms. One, you may be attending a live teaching event or watching an online video and, as you listen to Rachel speak, you may complete the blanks. If you are unable to attend a live event or watch the videos, you can still complete the study guide by reading through the book. On the next page (page 6), there is an outline of the 4 weeks of reading, to be completed with each lesson.

Secondly, between each week of lessons, five days of prayer journaling pages along with Scripture readings for meditation are available for prayer encouragement. Simply read the suggested Scripture reading and follow the chat prayer pattern for your prayer time each day. Feel free to write your prayer in the journaling section, use this section for your thoughts on the Scripture reading, or both. Whatever works for your needs and serves to assist in you growing in your spiritual walk in Christ! If you'd like to use an additional tool to enhance your Scripture reading time, I highly suggest the Simple Bible Study Guide: 4 questions you can use for any section of the Bible available on RachelWojo.com in the Printables section.

4 Week Study Book & Weekly Scripture Reading

Schedule

(Begin reading after the first teaching if following live or via video. Begin reading immediately if completing the guide through the book.)

Week 1- Chapters 1-3; I Samuel 1:1-10

Week 2- Chapters 4&5; I Samuel 1:11-19

Week 3- Chapters 6-8; I Samuel 1:20-28; 2:1-5

Week 4- Chapters 9&10; I Samuel 2:6-10; 18-21

Daily Scripture Reading Schedule

Week 1

- Day 1** Psalm 145:18-19
- Day 2** Psalm 141:1-2
- Day 3** I Peter 5:7-11
- Day 4** Psalm 56
- Day 5** James 5:13-16

Week 2

- Day 1** Matthew 18:18-19
- Day 2** John 15:4-11
- Day 3** Matthew 21:13-16
- Day 4** I John 5:13-15
- Day 5** Matthew 21:21-22

Week 3

- Day 1** Psalm 62:5-8
- Day 2** Psalm 116:1-4
- Day 3** Psalm 27:6-9
- Day 4** Philippians 4:4-7
- Day 5** Luke 11:9-13

Week 4

- Day 1** Mark 11:22-26
- Day 2** Hebrews 13:12-15
- Day 3** Psalm 42:1-4
- Day 4** Lamentations 2:17-19
- Day 5** Revelation 5:8-10

Lesson 1

Desperation Point: In Barrenness and Bitterness of Soul

1 Samuel 1:1-10

1. Hannah was not doing the normal thing for a woman her age in her culture. She was

_____.

Webster's Dictionary defines "barren" as "not _____" or "not _____."

2. Hannah's husband, Elkanah, loved her _____ her barrenness.

What do we know about him from these verses?

a. He was faithful to God in _____ and in _____.

b. He gave his second wife and all her children _____
_____ to sustain them.

c. He gave Hannah a _____ portion. Why? Because he loved her so much.

The word "love" here is translated as _____.

Who was sinless for us, gives us more than enough to sustain us, and loves us so much that He died for us? _____ (John 3:16)

Elkanah is considered to be a "type of Christ."

3. Her adversary, Penninah, provoked her _____ (our modern slang for “sore.”)

v. 7: Note the phrase “year by year.”

4. This provocation made Hannah _____. The literal Hebrew meaning of fret is *Raam* which means “tremble.” Hannah was not able to _____ because of her state of mind.

Consider I Peter 5:8.

5. _____ is the One who held authority over Hannah’s mind and body.

Consider Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 55:1-7.

6. As a result of the above, Hannah is in _____ of _____.

Hebrew for “soul” *nephesh* is the _____ of your emotions and passions.

Why was Hannah in bitterness of soul?

Lack of _____.

Strong _____.

Continual _____.

7. Ultimately, in her state of desperation, she turns to the Lord _____

_____ and _____.

Hebrew phrase- *bakah bakah* Hannah had reached Desperation Point.

Lesson 2

Pouring Out the Bitter Soul: The Power of Prayer

1 Samuel 1:11-19

1. Hannah's immediate request was "Lord, look on my _____ and _____ me." The word "_____ " in the Hebrew is *zakar*.

This word means:

To _____.

2. She continued praying and _____ move her voice; for this Eli perceived her to be drunk.

a. First _____ are not always as they appear.

b. Often our spiritual condition can easily be _____ by our response to _____.

c. True prayer warriors may seem _____, _____, or _____ to the world or even to fellow Christians at first _____.

3. Hannah explains "I'm not drunk; I have _____ my soul before the Lord." Hannah decides: I am not _____ continuing to live with this grief.

Lamentations 2:19 - _____ lamenting

Psalms 42:1-4 - _____ crying

Psalm 62:5-8 - _____ coaching

4. Eli confirms Hannah's request to God, though he knows no _____.
5. Peace in her _____ brought a change in her _____.
6. After the return to worship, family harmony and home, the Lord _____
Hannah. He _____ a _____ of Hannah.

What is the purpose of prayer?

Rev. 5:8, Psalm 141:2

1. To be the _____ of communication that holds our personal _____
together with God.
2. To be a sweet _____ of His presence in our lives and allow ourselves to
be _____ a memorial for His glory.
3. To give us _____, to allow Him to control the _____ and
give _____ from oppression.

A Prayer for When I Feel Empty

Dear Father,
I humbly come before you
With hollow heart and barren soul.
Wondering how life can be so full
And I can feel so empty.
I poured out all I had today...
And left no reserves of my own.
But I'm exactly where You want me to be -
Empty of self.
And now I'm asking you to make me
Full of you.
I need you to flood the dry places
And fill the vacant spaces
So that I can overflow with your love
And give again.
Amen

Lesson 3

A Standing Ovation: Our God the Rock

1 Samuel 1:20-28; 2:1-5

1. I'm not _____ to talk about what God has done for me. (v.1)
2. There is no one like God; His _____ and _____ exceed any other. (v. 2)
3. God _____ your heart. (v. 3)
4. Strong men have been made _____ by God's hand and the weak have been _____. (v. 4)
5. God has the ultimate _____ power. (v. 5)

A comparison of Hannah's Second Prayer to the First:

The first:

_____ verse

Full of _____

One of _____

The second:

_____ verses

Full of _____

One of _____

Hannah's Potential Prayer

Lord:

I'm sorry that I have to leave my child under the influence of these ungodly men who belong to this man Eli. I wish I could take back my promise but I'm not going to because it wouldn't be right. So just give me the strength to kiss my precious son goodbye because I'll probably never see him again. And Lord, you know what a wicked place this world is, so just help us to do our best. Amen

Hannah's Reasons to Praise the Lord

1. _____ (v. 1)

Consider Romans 10:13, Psalm 27:1 and Psalm 89:15-17.

2. _____ (v. 2)

Consider Psalm 62:5-8

3. _____ (v. 3)

Consider John 17:17

4. _____ (v. 4)

Consider Psalm 46:1, Phil. 4:13.

5. _____ (v. 5)

Consider Psalm 146

6. _____ (v. 5)

Consider Psalm 100:2

Psalm 126:2 _____

Acts 16:18-35 _____

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c- Cheer God on for who He is:
What fact about God makes you glad?

h- Humble yourself:
If Jesus took a tour of your heart, what would He find?

@ Appreciate what He has done:
What happened in your life today that you can thank God for?

t - Tell God your needs:
Where do you need God to work in your life?

Lesson 4

The Princess and the Pauper: From Spiritual Rags to Riches

1 Samuel 2:6-10; 18-21

1. God is in total _____ of life and death. (v. 6)

The physical application is evident to us for this verse, but think of the amazing spiritual application! Ephesians 2:1

We are made _____ in Christ.

2. God controls the _____ status of man and the _____ status of man. He also controls the _____ status of man and the _____ status of man. (v.7)

3. God has the _____ to take the worst and use it for the _____. (v.8)

Examples: Joseph, Genesis 50:20

Esther, Esther 4:14

Job, Job 42:10

4. No human strength is a match for God's _____ . (v.9)

5. God will tear down His _____ and exalt His
_____. (v.10)

Hannah's Reasons to Praise the Lord

1. Salvation

2. Security

3. Sanctification

4. Strength

5. Sustenance (Starbucks)

6. Service

7. _____ (v. 6)

“bring up”- *alah-* to excel or be superior to

In His superiority, God raises us up to be His _____.

8. _____ (v.7)

Webster's definition: controlling _____ over others

9. _____ (Inheritance) _____ (v.8)

10. _____ (v.9)

11. _____ (v.10)

Webster's definition: the state of being _____
the control or power of others

Summary of vs. 11-17: Eli had very wicked sons who did not know the Lord.

1. Samuel was left at the house of the Lord to _____ there.

Minister is the Hebrew word, "*sharath*," which means to _____ or to
_____.

It is an _____ verb.

Consider: Psalm 27:14, Isaiah 40:31, Isaiah 30:18, Psalm 130:5.

Sometimes our ministry or _____ to the Lord is just being open to
His will and _____ on Him.

2. After reading Hannah's second prayer, we can conclude that she
_____ returned Samuel to the Lord.

We've all heard the phrase "You can never _____ God."

But do we really believe that?

3. The Lord _____ Hannah and she had three sons and two daughters.

Visited= *paqad* meaning “to _____ after or _____ for”

Hannah’s Prayer Path:

- 1. Recognizing the point of bitterness**
- 2. Admitting spiritual barrenness**
- 3. Pouring out her bitter soul**
- 4. Allowing God to fill her to overflowing**
- 5. Believing the God of the Impossible**
- 6. Praising God**
- 7. Visited by the Lord**

We all desire a “visit from the Lord” but are we willing to do what it takes to receive that?

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