

Hannah: A Sacrifice of Praise
1 Samuel 2:1-10

“Through Him (Christ) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God” (Hebrews 13:15-16). “I will give to the LORD the thanks due to His righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High” (Psalm 7:17). “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

- *Worship is growing in, walking in, and proclaiming the knowledge of these four areas:*
 - *1) I am infinitely more sinful than I know. 2) God is infinitely more good to me than I know. 3) God is infinitely more holy, wise, powerful, beautiful, loving, and glorious than I know. 4) God has infinitely changed me in Christ, more than I know.*
- *How do I offer a “sacrifice of praise”?*
 - True praise starts with objective truth and leads to sincere emotions. We must tell ourselves regularly what is true about us and what is true about God.
 - *“My heart exults in the LORD”*: The seat of my intellect, my will, and my emotions jump for joy, rejoice, in the awesomeness of the LORD!
 - *“My horn is exalted in the LORD”*: I have no strength in myself, my strength is in the LORD. He lifts me up. He is the source of all my being.
 - *“My mouth derides my enemies because I rejoice in Your salvation”*: Our praises ridicule our enemies because our victory is found in God, not in ourselves. No one can stand against God!
 - Hannah’s prayer focuses on four attributes of God that should lead to *awe, strength, faith, and hope*.
 - *God is Holy* → *Awe*: (v.2) The LORD is unique, set apart, unlike us. He is so much higher above us that it is unexplainable. There is none like Him, there is none besides Him. God is amazing! I make it my aim to brag on God.
 - *God is All-Powerful* → *My Strength*: (v.2-10) The LORD is our rock, He is our strength. All of man’s strength is weakness to God. None of our preparations can give us victory against God. We are not ultimate in anything. God reigns over life and death, victories and defeats, fullness and hunger, birth and barrenness, riches and poverty *“for not by might shall a man prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces.”*
 - *God is Infinitely Wise* → *Faith*: (v.2-10) Arrogance and pride have no place in the Christian’s life, zero. Our wisdom is nothing and our strength is nothing; *“For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men”* (1 Corinthians 1:25). The LORD always knows what is best in accomplishing His purpose which is supreme to ours. In life and death, He knows what is best. In victory and failure, He knows what is best. To have us poor or rich, He knows what is best. When to exalt us or humble us, He knows what is best. Do you believe this? *“The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD”* (Job 1:21).
 - *If God has made you poor, strive for contentment* (1 Timothy 6:8-9). *If God has made you rich, strive for generosity* (1 Timothy 6:17-19).
 - *God is Perfectly Just* → *Hope*: (v.2-10) God knows why we do what we do. God will judge the faithful and the wicked. No one gets away with anything in God’s economy. God reigns from heaven and someday Christ will reign on the earth. When He does, He will rule with a rod of iron, with justice.

Worship: There is a Fountain (Citizens)

As the Deer (Various Artists)

Service Times: Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7