

Communion Meditation – Hannah’s Prayer

1 Sam 2.4-5 “God of Reversals” July 14th, 2019

Recap of Earlier Messages

- Hannah miserable / comforted / given a son / returns him to God
- Hannah’s prayer – She’s saved / God unique and holy / God rules over man

Reversals of Fortune

- **v4** ~ Men / “bows .. broken .. stumbled .. strength”
- **v5a** ~ All / “were full .. hired out .. hungry .. ceased to hunger”
- **v5b** ~ Women / “barren .. borne seven .. she who has many .. feeble”
- Not surprising **vss 4-5** follows **v3** concerning man’s arrogance
 - Pride rises in our hearts very easily / (*big weeds small yesterday*)
- God brings reversals across the human spectrum (*men, women, children*)
 - God has blessed Hannah / Perhaps He’s removed blessing from Peninah

God Chooses the Road We’re On

- **III: Andy Keusal** ~ “**Reversal: When God Takes You the Other Way**”
 - Wrote brief autobiography last year – year after wife’s death
 - Failed marriage / Vasectomy / Career change / Loss of Kirsten / Remarriage
- **Pro 16.9** ~ “A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps”

Finding Others Insufferable

- Peninah must have found Hannah’s joy painful to endure
 - Especially if God had brought difficulty to her personally
- “**Do you find others insufferable at times?**”
 - People can be very difficult / But that includes you and me too
- Hannah’s heart was right, focused on God, seeing others sins clearly

We must examine our heart towards others . . .

We can’t just assume ourselves to be pure . . .

Are we the mighty or those who stumbled? Full or hungry?

Are we Hannah (as we’d like to believe) or might we be Peninah?