

(D1: The Heart) Hannah and Prayer

The Wellspring Purpose and Disciplines:

Introduction:

The Holy Spirit's Biography of Hannah - An afflicted, humble, faithful, blessed worshipper

- I. Hannah's Hardship (1 Samuel 1:1-8) - the setting

"Our sorrow upon any account is sinful and inordinate when it diverts us from our duty to God and embitters our comfort in him, when it makes us unthankful for the mercies we enjoy and distrustful of the goodness of God to us in further mercies, when it casts a damp upon our joy in Christ, and hinders us from doing the duty and taking the comfort of our particular relations. 'Am not I better to thee than ten sons? Thou knowest thou has my entire affection, and let that comfort thee.' Note, we ought to take notice of our comforts, to keep us from grieving excessively for our crosses; for our crosses we deserve, but our comforts we have forfeited. If we would keep the balance even, we must look at that which is for us, as well as that which is against us, else we are unjust to Providence and unkind to ourselves. God hath set the one over-against the other (Eccl. 7:14) and so should we." Matthew Henry

II. Hannah's Humility (1 Samuel 1:9-20) - the 1st prayer/the vow

III. Hannah's Faithfulness (1 Samuel 1:21-28) - the work

IV. Hannah's Praise (1 Samuel 2:1-11) - the 2nd prayer

V. Hannah's Harvest (1 Samuel 2:18-21, 26) - the blessings

VI. Implications from Hannah's Biography

- Know _____ to go in affliction.
- Know your _____.
- Be _____.
- Know your _____.