

**A BARREN
SOURCE OF
FAITHFUL
PRAISE**

**I SAMUEL
2:1-11**



I. The one praising God after years of being childless is again barren (1:24-28).

- What does her amazing gift say about Hannah's heart?
- To what extent are we willing to give our children to God?



II. Hannah sings a song to glorify God above all else (**I Samuel 2:1-5a**).

- What does Hannah's praise at that time tell us about her faith?
- When we give our children to God, what is the nature of our prayers?



III. Like Mary's and Zechariah's songs she barely mentions children (2:5*b*).



- What can we learn of Mary's faith from her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)?
- What can we learn of Zechariah's faith from his Benedictus (Luke 1:69-79)?
- Why should our praise for God be central in prayers for special children?

IV. Hannah rightly praises God for determining our state in life (2:6-8).

- What reasons did Hannah have for praising the God who lifted her up?
- What reasons do we have for praising the God who has lifted us?



V. Hannah finishes her prayer praising God for strengthening His people (I Samuel 2:9-10).



- How will our prayer-life be enriched by praising God for strengthening His people?
- What can we do to make sure that more of our prayer-life is filled with praise for God?

Call to Action: To give our best to God so our prayers will be filled with praise.

- Why would Hannah praise God after giving her best to Him?
- How will our praise improve when we give God our best?
- How would you change if your prayers were filled with praise?
- How are you strengthened because of your praise?
- How will your praise bless you?

-How can we help you?

