

Children: A Gift From God

I Samuel 1:1 - 2:10

Psalm 127:3

“Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.”

HANNAH’S PROBLEM (1:4–8)

Let me take a moment to say that:

- Sometimes God keeps us from having things we want because they aren’t good for us.
- Sometimes God keeps us from having things we want when we want them, because the timing is not best for us.
- Sometimes God keeps us from having things we want because He has something greater in mind.

HANNAH’S PRAYER (1:9–18)

HANNAH’S PROGENY (1:19–23)

She names him, Samuel, because she had asked him of the LORD.

She had “asked” (šā’al) God for a son, and He had “heard” (šāma‘) her. “Samuel,” then, would be associated with šāmūa‘ ’ēl, “heard of God,” because she had asked the LORD for him.

HANNAH’S PRESENTATION (1:24–28)

HANNAH’S PRAISE (2:1-10)

Hannah’s son, Samuel, would go on to be a prophet, priest and judge.

Hannah’s son, Samuel, would go on to anoint the first two kings of Israel.