



**Hannah: Covenant Keeper
1 Samuel 1:21 – 2:11**

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Hannah makes good on her vow by bringing Samuel to Eli.

Hannah is a model for the nation of Israel and for us.

God expects us to be faithful to our vows and promises.

**Hannah's Prayer
1 Samuel 2:1-11**

1. Hannah's deliverance is from the Lord. (1-2)

Hannah's focus is entirely on God.

2. Hannah's deliverance continues Scripture's great reversal theme. (3-8)

The mighty are brought low and the lowly are lifted up.

3. Hannah's prayer is more like a hymn – more a song about God than a prayer to God.

Hannah's song is Israel's song.

Hannah's ability to keep the covenant comes from:

- a) Faith in a powerful, creative and redemptive God.**
- b) Hannah's horn**

The prayer is bookended by 'horns'.

A horn is symbolic of strength, power, dignity, worth and well being.

Hannah's 'horn' is in the Lord.

God has already kept the greatest covenant.



What will our response be to God's incredible gift of eternal life?

Things to Think About

Hannah gives back to God the one thing she so desperately longed for. Does this story have some application to you? Is God asking you to offer Him the very thing you are waiting for?

Give some thought to the promises, vows and commitments you have made down through the years. How are you doing? Where do you need to repent and recommit?

Is God calling you to new areas of covenantal faithfulness?

Do you have stories to share of God's great reversal theme? Where have you been 'down and out' and God has lifted you up?

Hannah's ability to keep her vow came from her world view (i.e., the way she understood God). What kind of a God do you believe in? How does your 'world view' affect the way you live your life?
