

RECEIVING GOD'S GOOD GIFTS

1 Samuel 1:20–28 (p. 419)

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For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.”*
1 Samuel 1:28

The narrative key

In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the Lord. And she made a vow, saying, “O Lord Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant’s misery and remember me and the Lord remembered her. So in the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, “Because I asked the Lord for him.”
1 Samuel 1:20

Hannah’s story continues

When the man Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go.
1 Samuel 1:21

From a wise husband

“. . . only may the Lord make good his word.” 1 Samuel 1:23

Giving back to God

*When they had slaughtered the bull, they brought the boy to Eli, and she said to him,
“As surely as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord.
I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him.
So now I give him to the Lord”*

1 Samuel 1:27 (and the liturgy for Infant Baptism, p. 124)

Lessons for thankful people (or, Who is the “he”?)

*“So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.”
And he worshiped the Lord there.*

1 Samuel 1:28

1) _____ is the giver

2) Thankfulness requires _____

For further study of 1 Samuel 1

On the “dedication of Samuel” theme, I suggest the “And though our children do not understand these things” section of the liturgy of baptism (Psalter p. 124). Baptism is addressed in both the Belgic Confession (Article 34) and the Heidelberg Catechism (69-74). The Biblical support in the catechism is helpful.

Spurgeon’s “A Woman of Sorrowful Spirit” at <https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/a-woman-of-a-sorrowful-spirit#flipbook/10>

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P.G. Matthew’s sermon “The Effectual Prayer” at <https://gracevalley.org/sermon/the-effectual-prayer-2/>

Alexander Maclaren’s commentary at <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mac/1-samuel.html>