



Hannah's Sorrow

1 Samuel 1:1-20

Unhappy Wife - man, mother, baby, woman - Elkanah had two wives. Peninnah had children; Hannah was barren. She was loved and blessed but very unhappy.

Family Drama - mother, baby, son, grieving woman - Hannah's sister-wife mocked her infertility often, causing her to weep. She would not eat in her distress.

Desperate Heart - temple, praying woman, tears - One day, she visited the Shiloh temple. Hannah prayed, begging God for a son that she would dedicate to him.

Peace Blessing - priest, cloud, mother, baby - The local priest thought Hannah was drunk; but she explained her anguish. Eli asked God to give Hannah children.

Storytellers Sight

- Why do some cultures highly value having sons?
- What were some of Hannah's marriage problems?
- How does it feel to be relentlessly provoked?
- Have you ever been so upset that you can't eat?
- How does Elkanah's response to Hannah's frustration demonstrate he was oblivious to her pain?
- What's it like to publicly hide your internal stress?
- Is God still good if he doesn't give what you ask for?
- What signs showed that Hannah finally found peace?