

Sermon Summary and Questions

MAIN POINT 1: God Opposes the Proud but Exalts the Humble

Short Idea/Summary:

God honors humble, faith-filled dependence—not self-reliance or human scheming.

Main Point:

In a time when Israel sought strength in human solutions, Hannah's story reminds us that God sees the humble and works through weakness, not pride.

Reflection Questions:

- In what ways am I tempted to take matters into my own hands rather than humbly seeking God?
 - What would it look like for me to bring my deepest desire honestly to God, like Hannah did?
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MAIN POINT 2: God Is Working in the Hidden and Ordinary

Short Idea/Summary:

While corruption and spiritual failure dominated the visible leadership, God was quietly raising up someone faithful in the shadows.

Main Point:

Even when things look dark and broken, God is not absent—He often works behind the scenes, forming His people and fulfilling His purposes.

Reflection Questions:

- Do I tend to measure God's activity by what's visible or impressive?
- How might God be at work in areas of my life that feel small, slow, or unseen?
- What does it look like for me to remain faithful when no one else seems to be?

MAIN POINT 3: God Will Raise Up His King

Short Idea/Summary:

The people wanted a king like the nations, but God was preparing to send His own anointed ruler in His own way and timing.

Main Point:

God's people rejected Him as King and demanded a human leader—but even then, God was preparing to raise up a true King, ultimately pointing to Jesus.

Reflection Questions:

- What "kings" (human solutions, leaders, strategies) am I tempted to trust in more than God?
- How do I respond when God's plan doesn't match my desire for immediate strength or clarity?
- What does it mean for me to trust God's timing and His rule over my life?

Spend time in prayer as a group.