

Hannah – The Longing Heart!  
Matters of the Heart, Pt. 1  
1 Samuel 1  
June 4, 2023

**Proverbs 13:12**, *Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.*

**1 Samuel 1:10**, *In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly.*

**1 Samuel 1:1**, *There was a certain man... whose name was Elkanah... **2** He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none. **3** Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh...*

**How do You Respond to Your Longing Heart?**

**1. Be Consistently Prayerful About Your LONGING**

**1 Samuel 1:12**, *As she kept on praying to the LORD...*

**2. Don't Let Others Steal Your JOY**

**1 Samuel 1:6**, *Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. **7** This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat.*

**3. Don't Let Your Longing Destroy Your RELATIONSHIPS**

**1 Samuel 1:8**, *Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"*

**4. Go Public With God's ANSWER**

**1 Samuel 1:25**, *When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, **26** and she said to him, "Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. **27** I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him.*

**5. Be Faithful to Your VOW**

**1 Samuel 1:11**, *And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life..."*

**1 Samuel 1:28**, *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.*