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Weeping prayers God will not despise

1 Samuel 1

1:10 And Hannah was grieved in heart, and wept bitterly, and prayed to Yahweh.

1:11 And he said, Yahweh of hosts, if thou wilt look upon the afflictions of thy handmaid, and remember her and do not forget thy handmaid, and give me a son, I will give him to Yahweh with the rest of his life, and I will shave his head not with a razor.

The book of 1 Samuel is an Old Testament book of the Bible that tells the story of Samuel, an important figure in Israel's history, and the events of two kings, Saul and David.

The book begins with Hannah, Samuel's mother, praying to God to give her a son and promising to dedicate him to God. When Hannah gave birth to Samuel, she fulfilled her promise to take him to the sanctuary to be raised by Eli, the high priest. Samuel grew up in the sanctuary and began to hear God's voice

The prayer of weeping is the most sincere cry of the soul, the communication and repentance of the heart. When people are faced with the pressures of life, painful torments, or lost in darkness, they often humbly cry out to God with tears and prayers.

In the journey of life, we have all experienced all kinds of hardships and challenges. When these dilemmas make us feel helpless, weeping prayers become our last struggle. This is not only an emotional catharsis, but also a sincere prayer to God, a desire for life and faith in the future.

The power of prayer is infinite, and weeping is the abyss of the soul, a medium of connection with God. In weeping prayers, we bring out our most vulnerable side, while also opening the doors of our hearts to allow God's love and mercy to pour into our lives. Although God cannot

hear our words directly, He can sense the call of our hearts and provide comfort and guidance when we need it most.

A weeping prayer is not a sign of weakness, but a declaration of strength. It shows that we are willing to face our own vulnerability and helplessness and find strength under God's protection. In weeping prayers, we are willing to put aside our pride and self-righteousness and sincerely open our hearts to God in the hope of His mercy and grace.

Every tear is a language of prayer, a heart-to-heart exchange. In this moment of weeping, we may feel our weakness, but at the same time we realize how great God's power is. Weeping prayers make us more humble and more dependent on God's guidance, and this humility and dependence is the bridge between us and God's sincere fellowship.

Therefore, weeping prayer to God will not be despised but will be an expression of acceptance and cherishment. In our most difficult moments, when we open our hearts to God with tears, He will not ignore our calling. Weeping prayer is a sacred experience, a testimony of our deep connection with God, and the truest sacred experience in life.

The prayer of weeping appears in several places in the Bible, and some of these verses express the cry and prayer that a person sends to God in the midst of suffering, sorrow, or distress. Here are some verses in the Bible that mention weeping prayers:

Psalm 6:6-9:

I lay down with tears stained, and every night I wet my mattress. My eyes are darkened with sorrow, and all my enemies will depart from me.

Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity, for the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping. Jehovah heard my supplication. The LORD will receive my prayers.

Psalm 34:17-19:

The righteous cried, and the LORD heard, and delivered them from all their afflictions. Jehovah draws near to the brokenhearted and saves the spiritually contrite to the man. The righteous man had many afflictions, but the LORD delivered him out of them all.

Psalm 42:3:

My tears have become my bread and bread day and night, and they have not ceased to say to me, Where is your God?

Psalm 56:8:

Are not my tears in your book?

Lamentations 3:48-50:

And tears flowed from my eyes, so that I did not rest, until the LORD looked upon them and looked upon them from heaven.

These verses reflect the suffering of many saints in the Bible in difficult situations, who seek God's help and comfort through weeping prayers. These verses also express God's concern for and response to those honest, humble prayers.

## We pray together

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us life, health, and peace. We come at this moment with a heart of awe and thanksgiving, opening our supplications to You.

Grant us the wisdom to face life's challenges. May Your light illuminate our path and lead us on the path of righteousness and love. Ask Your hand to keep us away from danger and trial.

Lord, we humbly pray that no matter where we find ourselves, that you will not despise our prayers. For You are a loving, gracious God, and Your mercy is high in the heavens. Please light the torch of faith in our hearts so that we can see Your light in the midst of difficulties. May Your will be done to us

Lord, take care of our body, soul, and heart. Heal our physical ailments, cleanse our hearts from filth, and give peace and joy. Let us feel Your love and presence every day.

We also pray for this world for mercy and deliverance. In this time of distress and pain, give a helping hand to those who are lost and suffering. May Your love permeate every corner so that people can build peaceful and righteous societies together.

Lord, we entrust everything to You. Thank you for your reliance and strength. Ask Your Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts and guide us in the path You have chosen. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

## 1 SAMUEL

### CHAPTER 1

1Sa. 1:1 There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite [Or from Ramathaim Zuphim] from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.

1Sa. 1:2 He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

1Sa. 1:3 Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the LORD.

1Sa. 1:4 Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters.

1Sa. 1:5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb.

1Sa. 1:6 And because the LORD had closed her womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her.

1Sa. 1:7 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.

1Sa. 1:8 Elkanah her husband 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?"

1Sa. 1:9 Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on a chair by the doorpost of the LORD's temple. [That is, tabernacle]

1Sa. 1:10 In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD.

1Sa. 1:11 And she made a vow, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will

only look upon 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, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

1Sa. 1:12 As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth.

1Sa. 1:13 Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk

1Sa. 1:14 and said to her, "How long will you keep on getting drunk? Get rid of your wine."

1Sa. 1:15 "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD.

1Sa. 1:16 Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

1Sa. 1:17 Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

1Sa. 1:18 She said, "May your servant find favour in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

1Sa. 1:19 Early the next morning they arose and worshipped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah lay with Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her.

1Sa. 1:20 So in the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, [Samuel sounds like the Hebrew for heard of God.] saying, "Because I asked the LORD for him."

1Sa. 1:21 When the man Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfil his vow,

1Sa. 1:22 Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, "After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the LORD, and he will live there always."

1Sa. 1:23 "Do what seems best to you," Elkanah her husband told her. "Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the LORD make good his [Masoretic Text; Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint and Syriac your] word." So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

1Sa. 1:24 After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, [Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint and Syriac; Masoretic Text with three bulls] an ephah [That is, probably about 3/5 bushel (about 22 litres)] of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh.

1Sa. 1:25 When they had slaughtered the bull, they brought the boy to Eli,

1Sa. 1:26 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.

1Sa. 1:27 I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him.

1Sa. 1:28 So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he shall be given over to the LORD." And he worshipped the LORD there.

Chapter 1 introduces us to a man named Elkanah who lived in Ramathaim-Zophim, a town in the hill country of Ephraim. Elkanah had two wives, Peninnah and Hannah, but Hannah was unable to have children. Every year, Elkanah would take his family to the tabernacle in Shiloh to offer sacrifices to the Lord. On one of these trips, Hannah was so distraught about her inability to have children that she wept and refused to eat.

In her distress, Hannah prayed to the Lord, promising that if he gave her a son, she would dedicate him to the Lord's service for his entire life. Eli the priest was sitting nearby and observed Hannah's prayer. He thought she was drunk and rebuked her, but Hannah explained her situation to him. Eli then blessed Hannah and told her that the Lord had heard her prayer.

After returning home, Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son named Samuel, which means "asked of God." When Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him to the tabernacle in Shiloh and presented him to Eli, reminding him of her vow to dedicate her son to the Lord. Samuel would live there and serve the Lord under Eli's guidance.

Chapter 1 sets the stage for the story of Samuel and his role in Israel's history. It also introduces important themes, such as the power of prayer and the idea of dedicating oneself to God's service. Additionally, the story of Hannah illustrates the pain and stigma associated with infertility in ancient times, and the importance of having compassion and empathy for those struggling with such issues.

Here are some important verses in chapter 1 of the book of 1 Samuel in the Bible:

1. "There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite." (1 Samuel 1:1)

2. "But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the Lord had closed her womb." (1 Samuel 1:5)

3. "In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly." (1 Samuel 1:10)

These verses describe the introduction of Hannah, who was barren and deeply distressed about her inability to have children. She prayed to the Lord for a child and made a vow to dedicate her child to the Lord if he granted her request. The story of Hannah's prayer and her eventual blessing with a son, Samuel, is a powerful testament to the faithfulness of God and the power of prayer.

1 Samuel chapter 1 introduces us to the story of Hannah, a woman who deeply desires to have a child. However, she is barren, and her husband's other wife, Peninnah, frequently taunts and

provokes her because of her infertility. In the midst of her pain and anguish, Hannah turns to the Lord in prayer, pouring out her heart and seeking His intervention.

One of the key themes that emerges from this chapter is the power of persistent prayer. Hannah's prayer is heartfelt and sincere. She vows to dedicate her child to God if He grants her the blessing of motherhood. Her prayer is not a mere recitation of words; it is a deep and intimate conversation with God. This chapter reminds us that we can bring our deepest longings and struggles before the Lord, trusting that He hears us and cares about our pain.

Another important aspect to note is Hannah's faithfulness and trust in God's plan. Despite the years of disappointment and the emotional distress caused by Peninnah, Hannah remains steadfast in her belief that God can change her circumstances. She demonstrates a resilient faith, choosing to rely on God's faithfulness rather than succumbing to despair or bitterness. This serves as a reminder for us to hold on to our faith, even in the face of adversity, knowing that God is at work in our lives and His timing is perfect.

Additionally, 1 Samuel chapter 1 highlights the significance of surrendering our desires and dreams to God. When Eli, the priest, misunderstands Hannah's prayer and accuses her of being drunk, she humbly explains her situation and her deep longing for a child. Eli blesses her and prays that God grants her request. In due time, Hannah conceives and gives birth to a son, Samuel, whom she joyfully dedicates to God as she had vowed. This act of surrender demonstrates Hannah's recognition that her child is ultimately a gift from God and that her primary responsibility is to honor Him.

In our own lives, this chapter prompts us to examine our desires and dreams. Are we willing to surrender them to God, trusting His plan and purpose? Are we open to His leading and willing to dedicate our gifts and blessings back to Him? Hannah's story challenges us to consider the posture of our hearts and to seek God's will above our own.

In conclusion, 1 Samuel chapter 1 offers valuable insights into the power of persistent prayer, the importance of unwavering faith, and the significance of surrendering our desires to God. Through Hannah's example, we are encouraged to approach God with honesty and vulnerability, trusting in His faithfulness and surrendering our lives to His divine purposes.