



PRAYING OUT OF DISTRESS

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1 SAMUEL 2:1-2 NKJV – (1) And Hannah prayed and said: “My heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD. I smile at my enemies because I rejoice in Your salvation. (2) “No one is holy like the LORD, for *there is none besides You, nor is there any rock like our God.*

We listen to Hannah as she is greatly distressed. She has not been able to conceive a child and she is weeping before God from the pain of an empty womb. She promises God that if He gives her a son, she would give him back for His service.

Eli, the high priest sees her and accuses her of being drunk. After she explains her heartache, he tells her that God will grant her the desire of her heart. She believes him and goes away happy. And God does give her a son, whom she names Samuel.

When Samuel is old enough, Hannah keeps her promise and brings him to live at the tabernacle with Eli. She reminds Eli who she is and how God had answered her prayer. Her prayer of praise to God pours out of a truly thankful heart!

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In your time of distress, communicate with God. No special language needed. Just talk to Him. Even if you pray as a child, tell Him. He hears and He sees you. Talk to Him and don't hold it in. God will give, but what are you willing to give back? Talk to Him Remove all selfishness.

SCRIPTURE READING: GENESIS 35:6

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: To pity distress is but human; To relieve it is Godlike.