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**1 Samuel 2:1-10 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. 3“Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the Lord is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed. 4“The bows of the mighty men are broken, And those who stumbled are girded with strength. 5*Those who were* full have hired themselves out for bread, And the hungry have ceased *to hunger.* Even the barren has borne seven, And she who has many children has become feeble. 6“The Lord kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up. 7The Lord makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. 8He raises the poor from the dust *And* lifts the beggar from the ash heap, To set *them* among princes And make them inherit the throne of glory. “For the pillars of the earth *are* the Lord’s, And He has set the world upon them.   
9He will guard the feet of His saints, But the wicked shall be silent in darkness. “For by strength no man shall prevail. 10The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken in pieces; From heaven He will thunder against them. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth. “He will give strength to His king, And exalt the horn of His anointed.”**

Today is Mother’s Day! Happy Mother’s Day to all of our blessed mothers. Mothers, and Fathers, are a blessing from God. Exodus 20:12 doesn’t tell us to honor one or the other more. It says *Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long.*

This morning, we continue to look at prayer, while examining a great prayer from a great mother in the Bible, Hannah. From this prayer, we can take many lessons, but I want to focus on four this morning. Four things we need to take home from this scripture: 1) Be prayerful 2) Be grateful 3) Be humble and 4) Be faithful.

Verse 1 starts - *And Hannah prayed.* Be a prayerful mother. Many of you have had me pray over your child that he or she will be a Mighty man, a Mighty woman of God and do great things in the Kingdom. Pray over your children! Pray for God’s hand on their life. Make the prayer Christ centered and Kingdom pursuing. Matthew 6:33 *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.* Seek first God for your child! Hannah prayed. Be a prayerful mother – your children are watching.

Finishing verse 1 & 2 *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. “No one is holy like the Lord, For there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God.* Be a grateful mother. My heart rejoices! Was Hannah’s life perfect? No. She was grateful. Did every day start with sunshine and unicorns? No. She was grateful. Soon, she’d give her child away! She was grateful. Mothers be grateful for your children and your life. No one has it perfect. Gratefulness is a choice. Hannah was grateful. Be a grateful mother – your children are watching.

Verse 3 *“Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the Lord is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed.* Be a humble mother. God weighs actions. God weighs the heart. He doesn’t look at what is done or said, but the motives behind what is done and said. In verses 3-8, we see that God raises up and lays low, gives and takes away. Let no arrogance come from your mouth. Talk no more so very proudly. 1 Peter 5 tells us to clothe ourselves in humility! Humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt us in due time. Micah 6:8 says - *He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?* Hannah walked humbly with her God. Be a humble mother – your children are watching.

Verses 9 & 10 *- He will guard the feet of His saints, But the wicked shall be silent in darkness. “For by strength no man shall prevail. 10The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken in pieces; From heaven He will thunder against them. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth. “He will give strength to His king, And exalt the horn of His anointed.”* Be a faithful mother. For by human strength no one shall prevail, but by God’s might feet will be guarded, adversaries broken, kings strengthened, and the anointed exalted. But we must be faithful. He exalts His anointed – guards the feet of His saints. These are the faithful in heart and soul, even when things don’t make sense; even when things seem to be taking so long; even when it’s hard. Hannah was faithful, even to the point of loaning her child to God for all his life. Be a faithful mother – your children are watching.

Mothers, enjoy the day. Remember Hannah - Be prayerful, be grateful, be humble, and be faithful. Fathers and children, honor mothers and grandmothers today. Let’s resolve to live more like Hannah every single day – being more prayerful, more grateful, more humble, and more faithful. No matter the age – children are watching. May they find us rejoicing in God each day!