

# **SERIES: AWAKENING**

**DATE:** Saturday - Sunday, June 3-4, 2023

**SERMON:** The God Who Provides

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Samuel 1:1-18 NIV

[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.

[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, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the LORD.

[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.

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

[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.

[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?"

[9] Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the LORD's house.

[10] In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly.

[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, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

[12] As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth.

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

[14] and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine."

[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.

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

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

[18] She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

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*How do we access the power of God?*

## 1. Pray \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_ out your \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer.
- **James 5:16-18** *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.*

## 2. Live \_\_\_\_\_.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ you make today will \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ go hand in hand.

## 3. Seek \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Jeremiah 9:23-24** *This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.*
- **Jeremiah 2:13** *"My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.*

## 4. Offer \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ who delivers.

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## **Could This Change Your Child's Life?**

Society is dealing with the burden of kids who have checked out of life and who, at such an early age, have little hope. They are being bombarded by lifestyles that run counter-cultural to what God designed us to be. We talk about what the church can do and how Christians can make a difference in a fallen society. We struggle with answers to these kinds of needs. I can honestly say I don't know how our society can make a difference in kids who seem to have little hope.

What I do know is Vacation Bible School each year helped to make a real difference in my life. I can remember specific events at VBS when I was a child. I learned what a POW was, and I heard how God helped this POW through his ordeal. I remember pledging allegiance to the flag and to the Bible. I remember Bible verses I learned in VBS. Those are specific things I remember. I also learned principles that have carried me through life.

- I learned church can be really fun.
- I learned God is love and that in the church I was loved.
- I learned God knew who I was and really does have a wonderful plan for my life.
- I learned God is concerned with forming character within me.
- I learned God wants me to know Him and follow Him forever.
- I learned Jesus died for me and would have died for me if I was the only person who needed Him.

Your child needs all the things I did. Please take advantage of VBS this summer – **June 6-8 | 8:30am – 3:00pm**. Make this a priority. You can register your children **TODAY** for those who have **completed K-6<sup>th</sup>**. Start early with your children, giving them opportunities to hear about God and His work.

*Do you want to make this even better?* Bring your children to a Connect Group and find one for yourself. (We can help with this). Giving your children these things now may prevent more serious times in the future.

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