

Two Women – One Toxic and One Gracious

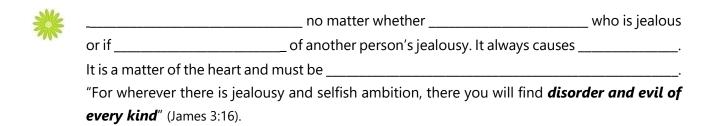
1. During the later part of the period of the judges, a woman named ______ was married to ______. They lived in the town of Ramah. Unfortunately, he had two wives - Hannah who suffered from infertility and Peninnah who had children (1 Samuel 1:1-2).

1 Samuel 1:1 - 2:11

- Each year Elkanah took his family to the "______" at Shiloh to worship and offer a sacrifice to the LORD. According to the sacrificial law, Elkanah gave part of the meat to each wife and her children which only accentuated Hannah's painful reality even though he gave her a ______. That made Peninnah ______, so she ______. Hannah unmercifully and made her cry. When Elkanah tried to comfort Hannah, he did not help matters at all (vv. 3-8).
- 3. One year Hannah was so distraught, she left the celebratory meal and went into the temple ______. Through sorrowful tears of desperation, Hannah cried out to the LORD, begging Him for a son. She even made a vow that if He would give her a son, she would _______ to be a ______ all the days of his life (vv. 9-11).
- 4. _____, who was sitting by the door, observed Hannah and jumped to conclusions, accusing her of being ______. He scolded her ______ (vv. 12-14).
- 5. However, Hannah quickly explained her deep distress and asked Eli not to think ______ of her (vv. 15-16).
- Convinced that Hannah was praying out of desperation, Eli ______ her saying, "Go in peace and may the God of Israel grant what you have asked of Him." Hannah left greatly ______, _____ that the LORD had heard her prayer. Then, after worship the next morning, all the family returned to Ramah (vv. 17-19a).

- 7. In due time, the LORD answered her prayer. Hannah ______ and gave birth to a son whom she and Elkanah named ______ "asked of the LORD" (vv.19b-20).
- 8. With Elkanah's blessing, Hannah and Samuel did not accompany him and the rest of the family to Shiloh the next year. Hannah said that she would attend the feast after she ______ Samuel (vv. 21-23).
- 9. When Samuel was about three years old, Hannah and Elkanah took him to the feast at Shiloh. They carried a bull, flour, and wine to offer as a ______. True to her promise, Hannah took Samuel to Eli, reminding him that she was the distraught woman who had prayed for a child at the temple a few years earlier and had promised to give him back to the LORD. She said, "So now I give him ______. For his ______ he will be given over to the LORD" (vv. 24-28).
- 10. After leaving Samuel with Eli, Hannah prayed, *praising the LORD* for *Who He is*, for *rescuing her from Peninnah's pride and oppression*, and for being her *strength when she was weak* (vv. 2:1-11).
- 11. Although her time was limited with Samuel from that point on, she did what she could. She made him a new ______ each year and took it to him (v. 2:19).
- 12. Little did she know that the LORD would use her baby boy in a powerful way. Samuel would be the ______ and play a critical role in the future of Israel, anointing the ______ and providing ______ for many years.
- 13. "The LORD was gracious to Hannah. She conceived and gave birth to *three sons and two daughters* (v. 2:21).

What can I fearn from Peninnah and Hannah?





When I have a <i>deep hurt or unfulfilled longing in my heart</i> , the best thing I can do is to		
	"pour out my soul to the Lord,"	Him
to answer according to His will and _	Him when He does.	



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Review: Review Lessons 1 – 10 and look for additional Spiritual Applications.