

Giving Thanks in All Circumstances: Hannah's Story

1 Samuel 1:1-28

Intro: In the opening chapter of 1 Samuel, Hannah was going through a hard time. She was a godly woman, but did she give thanks to God in all circumstances (1 Thess. 5:18)? And do we?

- I. Giving thanks when you don't feel thankful (1 Sam. 1:1-16)
 - a. When you feel pain, God wants you to bring it to Him
 - b. "In her deep anguish, Hannah prayed to the LORD..."
 - c. Deep calls to deep: Psalm 42:6a, 7

- II. Giving thanks in faith—knowing God hears your prayer (17-19a)
 - a. Appreciation for being heard: "He heard my voice..."
 - b. Committing it to the LORD, and trusting in Him
 - c. Hannah's anguish dissolved *before* her prayer was answered

- III. Giving thanks when your cup overflows (1 Sam. 1:19b-28)
 - a. What did Hannah do when she received her heart's desire?
 - b. Hold things lightly—not tightly—it's only yours for a time
 - c. We are to give everything back to God—with thanksgiving

Close: The LORD remembered Hannah and honored her prayer. Hannah remembered her vow and honored her Lord.