

Intro

~ Many of the Psalms are set to music so we can remember them. It's a great way to memorize the Psalms

~ *Ps 42:1- As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God*

~ *Ps 46 - God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea*

~ *Ps 47:1 - O clap your hands all you peoples! And shout to God with a voice of triumph*

~ *Ps 48:1,2 - Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.*

v2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King

~ There are many songs in the bible – Hannah has given us a song also

~ We've all had the Lord deliver us from difficult circumstances (a situation, difficult person, a trial)

~ Hannah's song was born out of adversity, difficulty, desperation and reliance in God

~ The context of Hannah's prayer/song is in 1 Samuel 1

~ Hannah's prayer/song tells us much about God

~ To capture the spirit of this text we must think about how hard this situation was for Hannah, her barrenness, her being provoked, grief, not eating, bitterness of soul, anguish to a tremendous blessing from God

Outline

V1 = Hannah rejoices in God

V2 = Hannah rejoiced because of who God is

V3-9 = Hannah rejoices because of what God does

V10 = Hannah rejoices because God will send his son, the anointed king

Text

v1 = Hannah rejoices in God

- We see here Hannah's heart, strength and mouth in view. She shows us what the Lord has done for her
- the source of joy, power, and deliverance (v1) are from the Lord
- *Neh 8:10 the joy of the Lord is our strength*
- The Lord provides our strength to stay in trials and difficulty. If it was up to us we wouldn't make it. Look how it is...at the end of the work day we're exhausted. The Lord gives us strength
- The Lord's grace is strength
- No doubt to the Jew the Lord's deliverance from Egypt would also come to mind

v2 = Hannah rejoiced because of who God is

- Here she extols the greatness of God
- She understands only God is holy, he's the greatest and he's the rock that Moses spoke of (Deut 32:4)
- This verse is similar to Deut 32:4
- *Deut 32:4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*
- Because God is holy and he's a rock we see what he does in the universe – humbles and exalts
- God allowed this hard circumstance for Hannah so when God gives a child God gets the credit for it

V3-9 = Hannah rejoices because of what God does

v3 She understands God is full of knowledge, he humbles and he alone weighs the actions of men

- Notice that Hannah contrasts proud speaking of the proud verses the full knowledge of God
- We get the idea here that Hannah tells the proud they think they know all things but only God does

v4 She understands God makes the mighty broken and gives strength to the stumbling

- God brought down proud at the tower of Babel (Genesis 11), Pharaoh of Egypt, Goliath the proud Philistine (1 Samuel 17), proud Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4) in the book of Daniel, Belshazzar (Daniel 5, and Penninah in 1 Sam 1.
- God gave Hannah a child who would have more influence than Peninnah's children
- God permits the proud to be proud and his time he will humble them

v5 She understands that God can make the full hungry and feed the hunger

- God can reverse the tide of things
- *Matt 5:6 blessed are the hungry because they will be filled*

v6 The Lord has power over life

- Eccles 3:2 – There is a time to be born and a time to die
- The Lord gives life to men and the Lord knows the day of our decease
- *Ps 68:20 He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death*

v7 She understands the Lord makes rich and poor, lifts up and brings down

- A person may boast in their riches but God gave the person the ability to gain riches
- To the person who thinks they've acquired it themselves, we say who gave you your body, brains, hands, feet, arms and legs and strength? Go get your own body, brains, hands, feet, strength and then achieve something great

v8 She understand that God raises up the poor and beggar and seats them in high positions because the pillar of the earth are his and he founded the world

- Luke 14:7-11 - Jesus talked about not promoting ourselves. When you're invited to a dinner take the lowest seat and let the host seat you in a more exalted seat if he choose, because if you take the seat of importance and someone more important than you comes then the host will ask you to give up your seat
- James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble
- 1 Pet 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time
- God has taken the sinner who believes in Christ and seats them above with Christ (Eph 2:6)

v9 She understands God will keep the feet of his saints (later quoted in Ps 121 about God keeping the feet of his saints)

- God is able to keep his saints from falling
- *Ps 94:18 When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.*
- Ps 121:3,5,8
 - My Help Comes from the Lord*
 - *Psa 121:1 A Song of degrees. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.*
 - *Psa 121:2 My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.*
 - *Psa 121:3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.*
 - *Psa 121:4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.*
 - *Psa 121:5 The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.*
 - *Psa 121:6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.*
 - *Psa 121:7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.*
 - *Psa 121:8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.*
- *Ps 91:11,12 the angels keep us from slipping - For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone*
- *Ps 37:23,24 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.*
- 1 Pet 1:5 the believer is kept by the power of God unto salvation

v10 She understands the Lord will break in pieces his adversaries, God will thunder out of heaven and judge the ends of the earth, He'll give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.

- In this last verse of Hannah's prayer/song we have reference to Christ in this verse and what he'll do
- He will break in pieces his enemies when he returns from heaven (Rev 19)
- He'll judge the world
- The father will give strength to his son (the Lord Jesus) who is the king
- King – ultimately Christ is the king of kings and Lord of Lords
- Anointed (4899 maw-shee'-akh) this word refers to the messiah

There's many songs recorded in the bible

1 Moses and the children of Israel (Ex 15:1-19) They sang this song when the Lord delivered them from their enemies

2 Miriam's song (Ex 15:20,21) Miriam and the women danced and sang this song

- *And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.*

3 Deborah and Barak's song (Judges 5) They sang this when the Lord delivered them from Israel's enemies

4 Hannah's song (1 Sam 2:1-10) When the Lord provided a child

5 David's song (2 Sam 22:1-51; Ps 18) David sang this song when the Lord delivered him from Saul

- David's song echoes hannah's prayer/song
- Hannah and David both make reference to the horn, rock, salvation/deliverance, grave/sheol, thunder, king, anointed

6 Israel song (Isaiah 12, 25, 26)

8 Elizabeth's song (Lk 1:42-45)

9 Zechariah's song (Lk 1:67-79)

10 Mary's song (Lk 1:46-55)

Conclusion

These songs admonish us to worship the Lord

~ Look at the exaltation of God in these songs in Revelation 5:8-14 (a wonderful heavenly worship scene)

- *Rev 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.*
- *Rev 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*
- *Rev 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*
- *Rev 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;*
- *Rev 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.*
- *Rev 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*
- *Rev 5:14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever*

Question - What song are we singing?