



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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1 Samuel 1:9–20, 25

Read and Listen to [*“The Power of Answered Prayers”*](#)

[*Cowboy Tales From Roaring Rapids Ranch*](#)

Class Starter or Closer Discussion Questions

1. In 1 Samuel 1:11, Hannah called herself “Your servant” three times when she prayed.

What does it mean to pray as God’s servant rather than simply asking for what we want?

2. Hannah promised to give her son back to the LORD if her prayer was answered.

How does her willingness to surrender God’s gift challenge the way we think about answered prayers?

3. In the story, Mary thanked the LORD for blessings she had long prayed for.

How does her response compare to Hannah’s, and what can we learn about gratitude when God answers our prayers?

4. Both Hannah and Mary experienced deep emotions; Hannah felt sorrow and Mary felt joy.

How can we learn to bring both our burdens and our blessings honestly before the LORD in prayer?

5. God answered Hannah’s prayer in a way that blessed many people through Samuel’s life.

How might God use the answers to our prayers to bless others beyond what we expect?