

THE LORD REMEMBERS THE BROKENHEARTED

Sunday May 10, 2026 -- MOTHER'S DAY -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

SERMON TEXT: 1 SAMUEL 1:1—2:11

WHO WAS SAMUEL?

- Samuel was **the last great judge of Israel**, the first major prophet after Moses, and the man God used to lead Israel from the chaotic period of the Judges into the era of the Kings.
- Samuel was the bridge between the time of the Judges and the rise of King David — helping set the stage for God's unfolding plan of redemption through Christ.

THE ACCOUNT OF HIS MOTHER'S TROUBLE & HIS SPECIAL BIRTH:

Key Players: Elkanah (Samuel's father)
Hannah (Samuel's mother)
Eli (Priest)

Secondary Players: Peninnah (Elkanah other wife)
Hophni & Phinehas (Eli's 'worthless' sons)

THE BIG PICTURE:

God **sees** the silent sorrows people carry, **honors** humble faith, and **works** through imperfect and painful situations to display His grace and raise up worshippers for His glory.

I. GOD sees the pain that others cannot see. 1 SAMUEL 1:1-8

- A. Hannah's suffering was deep, long and personal.
- she was barren vs 2
 - she was provoked vs 6 & 7 ('went on year by year')
 - she was misunderstood vs 13
 - she was spiritually exhausted vs 10 & 16
- B. God's people must be careful with wounded souls.
- the church must never become Peninnah.
- C. The Pain did **not** drive Hannah away from God. vs 9-11, 15
- It actually drove her to God.
 - This is one of the great evidences of genuine, saving faith.

Perseverance is the mark of genuine saving faith.

Dr. John MacArthur

The true test of our profession is not whether we have moments of glory, but whether we continue in times of suffering.

Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

II. GOD INVITES THE BROKENHEARTED TO POUR OUT THEIR SOULS TO HIM.

1 SAMUEL 1:9-18

- A. Hannah prayed honestly. vs 15
I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD.
- B. Even spiritual leaders can misunderstand hurting people.
- Eli missed it at first. But he was humble enough to pivot.
 - Even when people misunderstand us, God does not.
- C. The Lord welcomes desperate people... just as they are.
PSALM 34:18 *The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.*

III. GOD'S GRACE CAN TURN SORROW INTO WORSHIP. 1 SAMUEL 1:19–2:10

- A. Notice: “*The LORD remembered her.*” vs 19
- B. Hannah understood that Samuel belonged ultimately to God.
- God gave Samuel to Hannah.
 - Hannah gives Samuel back to God.
These children are gifts entrusted to us by God.
Christian parenting is stewardship, not ownership.
- C. Notice: Hannah's song points beyond herself to God's greatness. vs 2-4
Remember Mary's song in Luke 1

IV. THE GOSPEL AND THE BEAUTY OF GODLY MOTHERHOOD.

- A. Motherhood is not ultimate — Christ is ultimate.
Motherhood reflects a great deal of God's nurturing, sacrificial, life-giving design.
- B. Motherhood remains proudly beautiful and essential.
Secular culture trivializes motherhood.
Secular culture stigmatizes motherhood.
Secular culture mocks sacrificial parenting.
Secular culture treats children as burdens.
Secular culture celebrates self-centered independence.
- C. Scripture presents motherhood as deeply dignified and worthy.
- D. Scripture presents motherhood as powerful and impactful.

2 Timothy 1:5 and 3:14-15

5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

May we *pour out our soul* as Hannah did that we may experience HIS GRACE as she did.