

A Tale of 3 Kings



Ageless Leadership

Mike Sotski ~ July 8, 2018

1 Samuel 1:9-18 NLT

Once after a sacrificial meal at Shiloh, Hannah got up and went to pray. Eli the priest was sitting at his customary place beside the entrance of the Tabernacle. Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord. And she made this vow: "O Lord of Heaven's Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to you. He will be yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the Lord, his hair will never be cut. As she was praying to the Lord, Eli watched her. Seeing her lips moving but hearing no sound, he thought she had been drinking. "Must you come here drunk?" he demanded. "Throw away your wine!"

"Oh no, sir!" she replied. "I haven't been drinking wine or anything stronger. But I am very discouraged, and I was pouring out my heart to the Lord. Don't think I am a wicked woman! For I have been praying out of great anguish and sorrow."

"In that case," Eli said, "go in peace! May the God of Israel grant the request you have asked of him."

"Oh, thank you, sir!" she exclaimed. Then she went back and began to eat again, and she was no longer sad.

1 Samuel 2:18 NLT

But Samuel, though he was only a boy, served the Lord. He wore a linen garment like that of a priest.

There is a distinction between doing things for God and knowing God.

Listening involves change, adaptation, and transformation based on what we receive from the other person.

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

It shows a desire to hear, a willingness to listen and a heart that is ready to serve and obey.

Kay Warren

"Someone recently asked how I survived my son's suicide. I told him I've sent my spiritual roots deep into the character of God for more than 50 years. Circumstances tried to brutally rip out the "tree" of my faith - but the roots held."

Apprenticeship Prayer Partner Questions

Am I positioning my heart and life in a way that I can hear from God?
Have there been times this week that I have not been obedient to walk in the ways God has been leading me?