

The Robe of Faith

What is God
waiting for?

Judges 21: 25 In those days Israel had no king;
everyone did **as they saw fit**.

1 Samuel 1: 1 There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. 2 He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

1 Samuel 1: 9 Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house. **10** In her **deep anguish** Hannah prayed to the Lord, **weeping bitterly**.

1 Samuel 1: 11 And she made a **vow**, saying, “Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant’s **misery and remember** me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then **I will give him to the Lord** for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.”

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(1). The anguish of mothers
(current and future)

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**(2). A commitment of conviction
(cf. vv. 11)**

1 Samuel 1: 12 As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. **13** Hannah was **praying in her heart**, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk **14** and said to her, “How long are you going to stay **drunk?** Put away your wine.”

1 Samuel 1: 15 “Not so, my lord,” Hannah replied, “I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was **pouring out my soul** to the Lord. **16** Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been **praying here out of my great anguish and grief.**”

Philippians 1: 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I
always pray with joy **5** because of your **partnership**
in the gospel from the first day until now

Partnering with the world is getting
drunk on the 'spirits' of this world.

It's about what you pour into your
body.

Partnering with God is about
getting drunk on the Holy Spirit.

It's about what you pour out.

Philippians 2: 17 But even if I am being **poured out like a drink offering** on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.

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(3). For every mother (present and future) to point their child(ren) to Christ.

1 Samuel 2: Then Hannah prayed and said:

“My **heart rejoices** in the Lord;

in the Lord my horn is lifted high.

My mouth boasts over my enemies,

for I delight in your deliverance.

2 “There is **no one holy** like the Lord;

there is no one besides you;

there is no Rock like our God.

1 Samuel 2: 3 “Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the Lord is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed.

4 “The bows of the warriors are broken, but those who stumbled are armed with strength.

5 Those who were full hire themselves out for food, but those who were hungry are hungry no more.

1 Samuel 2: She who was barren has borne seven children,
but she who has had many sons pines away.

6 “The Lord brings death and makes alive;
he brings down to the grave and raises up.

7 The Lord sends poverty and wealth;
he humbles and he exalts.

1 Samuel 2: “It is not by strength that one prevails;
10 those who oppose the Lord will be broken.
The Most High will thunder from heaven;
the Lord will judge the ends of the earth.

“He will give strength to his king
and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

Hannah passed on her faith to
Samuel
by giving him the gift of a
robe.

1 Samuel 2: 18 But Samuel was ministering before the Lord—a boy wearing a linen ephod. 19 Each year his mother made him a little **robe** and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice.

Isaiah 61: 10 I delight greatly in the Lord;
my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a **robe of his righteousness...**

The robe:

symbol of faith/righteousness

Proclaims to the world that
your life's purpose is God's will

1 Samuel 15: 27 As Samuel turned to leave, Saul caught hold of the hem of his **robe**, and it tore.

1 Samuel 18: 4 Jonathan took off the **robe** he was wearing and gave it to David...

1 Samuel 24: 4 Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's **robe**.

Children need their mothers:

to speak the words of scripture

Children need their mothers:

to speak the words of scripture

to pray in their presence

Children need their mothers:

to speak the words of scripture

to pray in their presence

to pray in anguish

Children need their mothers:

to speak the words of scripture

to pray in their presence

to pray in anguish

to pray for changed hearts

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You

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