

“FROM BARRENNESS TO BLESSEDNESS”

1 Samuel 1

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- l) Barrenness - 1:1-11, *‘aqar* (HEB) ‘sterile, unable to reproduce or bear fruit’.
- A) Barrenness in the Bible: Gen.11:30; 25::21; 29:31; Judges 13:1-3; 1Sam.1:1-3; Luke 1:7.  
The first three Patriarchs of Israel had wives who were barren!  
Promises to the Barren – Ps. 113:9; Isaiah 54:1

\*Why were so many prominent wives in Israel barren?

1. To show that God was “\_\_\_\_\_” the birth of Israel.
2. To show that all children are \_\_\_\_\_ from God, Ps.127:3-5.

**\*THERE ARE MANY KINDS OF BARRENNESS – IN BUISNESS, MINISTRY, FAMILY & RELATIONSHIPS. ALL OF US AT TIMES WRESTLE WITH BARRENNESS.**

B) THREE LESSONS TO REMEMBER ABOUT BARRENNESS

1. BARRENNESS CAN LEAD TO \_\_\_\_\_, 1:7-10. The Shiloh Celebration was a time of pain and sadness for Hannah. Sometimes envy can be a problem. Gen.30:1

*MARA* (HEB) ‘bitter’. Exodus 15:23; Ruth 1:20; 1Sam.22:2; 1 Sam.30:6; Gen. 27:34 & Heb.12:15. Bitterness reaches the heart: Jer.4:18, and the soul: Jb.3:20; 7:11; 10:1; 21:25; 2Kings 4:27.

- Often, human compassion and help are not enough to ease the pain of barrenness. 1:5,8; Gen.30:1,2. Some things only God can fix!
  - **DON’T ALLOW YOUR BARRENNESS TO BECOME BITTERNESS!**
2. BARRENNESS CAN BE USED BY OUR \_\_\_\_\_, 1:2,3. *TSARAH* (HEB) ‘Adversary, adversity, affliction, Rival’. See Gen.30:8; Ps.74:10; 69:19; Lam.1:7; Eph.6:11; 1Pet.5:8; 1 Cor.16:9; Phil.1:28.
    - **DON’T LET THE ENEMY USE YOUR BARRENNESS AGAINST YOU!**
  3. THERE ARE DIFFERENT \_\_\_\_\_ FOR BARRENNESS. (NEED TO DISCERN)
    - a. Some barrenness is “consequential”, 2Sam.6:20-23; Hab.1:6; Mal.1:6-14; Mal.3:8-12. Ex. Laziness in Prov. 6:9-11; 10:4,5; 13:23; 28:19. Or family neglect/abuse, Prov.11:29.
      - Consequence is not Condemnation! David had consequences but not condemnation, 2Sam.11,12.
    - b. Some barrenness is seasonal. Like winter before spring. Gal.6:9. *TQUWPHAH* (HEB) ‘Due season, appointed time, proper time’. Gen. 17:19-21; 18:10-14; 21:2.

- c. Some barrenness is Divine Design, 1:5,6. Seven times in the Bible it says God either opened or shut the womb, Gen.29:31; 30:22; 20:17,18; Is. 66:9; 1Sam.1:5,6. See Ps.139:13-18 for Divine Design.

II) WHEN \_\_\_\_\_ BECOMES \_\_\_\_\_, 1:12-19.

- **We are not bitter because we are broken, but because we refuse to be broken!!**
  - Don't respond to barrenness like Sarai did, "in the flesh", Gen.16.
- A) Pour out your heart in Prayer, 1:11-15. Ps. 34:4-6; 3:3,4; 62:8; 142:1-3; 42:4; Lam.2:19. *TACHANUWN* (HEB) is the Hebrew equivalent to 'supplication' in the N.T. Ps. 28:2,6; 31:22; 140:6; Zech.12:10.
- B) Hannah became Bold to Speak and Believe. 1:17,18. Mk. 11:23,24; Matt.7:7-11; 1 John.5:14-16; Heb. 11:11,13; Rom. 4:16-21.
- C) Hannah Worshipped and Honored God, even before she received her child, 1:19-28 2:30; John 12:26; Prov.22:4.

III) BLESSEDNESS

A) NAMES WITH PROPHETIC MEANING:

1. Hannah in Hebrew means, "Favor". From *chanan*, 'to stoop in kindness to help an inferior'.
2. Elkanah in Hebrew means, "God has Created/Obtained"/ Rom.4:16-21
3. Samuel in Hebrew means, "Asked of God" or "Heard by God". Jer.33:3; Ps. 34:15-17; 94:9; Is. 59:1; 65:24; 1Pet. 3:12; James 4:1-3.

B) HANNAH 'LENT' SAMUEL TO THE LORD, 1:28.

*SHA'AL* (HEB) 'to request or ask in the sense of borrowing something.' Same word/root is used in 1:27 and 1:28 regarding prayer and petition.

**BLESSEDNESS IS NOT IN WHAT WE KEEP, BUT IN WHAT WE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ TO THE LORD!!**

Hannah's Fruitful Life – 2:18-21.

Key: I) A Orchestrating Gifts: B1 Bitterness; B2 Adversary; B3 Reasons; II) Brokenness Boldness; III)B Offer Back