

# 1 Samuel 1:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

## Analysis

Hannah's respectful response ('No, my lord') maintains proper deference despite being falsely accused. Her self-description as 'a woman of sorrowful spirit' uses the Hebrew phrase qeshat ruach (hard/difficult of spirit), indicating severe emotional distress. The denial of intoxicating drink echoes the Nazirite restrictions she would later impose on her son. Her phrase 'poured out my soul' (shaphak nephesh) pictures prayer as complete emptying of oneself before God - an outpouring that leaves nothing hidden or held back.

## Historical Context

The Hebrew verb shaphak (to pour out) is used elsewhere for pouring blood, water, or wrath. Its application to prayer suggests complete self-offering before God. This language later appears in Lamentations 2:19 and Psalm 62:8.

## Related Passages

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. What does 'pouring out your soul' before God look like in your prayer life?
2. How do you respond when falsely accused or misunderstood in spiritual contexts?

## Interlinear Text

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answered	And Hannah	and said	H3808	No my lord	I am a woman	H6030	H2584	H559	H113	H802																
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of a sorrowful	spirit	H595	neither wine	nor strong drink	H3808	H7186	H7307	H3196	H7941																	
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I have drunk	but have poured out	H853	my soul	before	the LORD	H8354	H8210	H5315	H6440	H3068																

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 62:8** (Parallel theme): Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

**Lamentations 2:19** (References Lord): Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street.

**Psalms 42:4** (Parallel theme): When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

**Psalms 143:6** (Parallel theme): I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.

