

1 Samuel 1:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.

Analysis

The family's early morning worship before departure demonstrates prioritized devotion. The verb 'remembered' (zakar) when applied to God indicates more than mental recollection - it means God turned His attention to act on Hannah's behalf. This divine remembering echoes Genesis 30:22 (Rachel) and anticipates God's remembering His covenant throughout Scripture. The phrase 'Elkanah knew Hannah his wife' uses the intimate biblical language for marital union, and God's remembrance means He opened her womb. Divine sovereignty works through natural means to accomplish supernatural purposes.

Historical Context

Morning worship before traveling reflected Israelite piety. The concept of God 'remembering' (zakar) becomes a technical term in covenant theology for God's active intervention on behalf of His people. He remembered Noah (Genesis 8:1), Abraham (Genesis 19:29), and Rachel (Genesis 30:22).

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What does it mean for God to 'remember' you and your prayers?
2. How do you see God working through natural processes to accomplish His supernatural purposes?

Interlinear Text

וַיַּשְׁכְּמּוּ	בְּרֹא	וַיְשַׁפְּחָה	לִפְנֵי	יְהוָה:
And they rose up	in the morning	and worshipped	before	and the LORD
H7925	H1242	H7812	H6440	H3068
וַיָּשָׁבַע בְּ	אֶל יְהִי אָוֶן	בַּיּוֹתְמָה	בְּרִכָּה תֵּה	יְדַעַת אֶלְקָנָה
and returned	and came	H413	to their house	to Ramah
H7725	H935	H1004	H7414	H3045
וְיָדַעַת אֶת	חִנְכֵּת בְּ	אָשָׁתִי	יְהוָה:	וְיָדַעַת אֶת
H853	H2584	H802	H2142	H3068
Hannah	his wife	remembered	and the LORD	and Elkanah
				H511

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 21:1 (References Lord): And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

1 Samuel 1:11 (References Lord): And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

Genesis 4:1 (References Lord): And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

Genesis 30:22 (Parallel theme): And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb.

Psalms 25:7 (References Lord): Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

Psalms 119:147 (Parallel theme): I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.

Psalms 55:17 (Parallel theme): Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

Mark 1:35 (Parallel theme): And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Genesis 8:1 (Parallel theme): And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

Luke 23:42 (References Lord): And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.