

# 1 Samuel 1:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young.

## Analysis

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Hannah's offerings accompany Samuel's dedication - three bulls (or one three-year-old bull, depending on textual reading), an ephah of flour (about 22 liters), and a skin of wine. These lavish gifts indicate both gratitude and proper preparation for the child's sanctuary life. The phrase 'the child was young' (literally 'the boy was a boy') emphasizes his tender age, intensifying the magnitude of Hannah's sacrifice. She brings both her son and substantial material offerings, holding nothing back from the God who answered her prayer.

## Historical Context

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The offerings correspond to various sacrificial categories: burnt offering, grain offering, and drink offering. An ephah of flour was substantial - about ten days' worth of bread for a family. The variety of offerings suggests dedication ceremonies, thanksgiving offerings, and provision for the child's maintenance.

## Related Passages

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. What does bringing your best offerings to God look like in your life?
2. How do you demonstrate gratitude when God answers significant prayers?

## Interlinear Text

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וַתֵּלֶךְ הִיא	כָּאֵשׁ רַעְמָהּ הִיא	גָּמְלָהּ יָתוּם	בְּפָרִים
him she took him up	H5973	H834	And when she had weaned
H5927			H1580
			bullocks
			H6499
שְׁלֹשָׁה	אֶפְחָה	אֶחָד	קֶמַח
with her with three	ephah	and one	of flour
H7969	H374	H259	H7058
			and a bottle
			H5035
			of wine
			H3196
וַתְּבִיָּא הִיא	בֵּית	יְהוָה הִיא	שֶׁל יוֹ
and brought	him unto the house	of the LORD	in Shiloh
H935	H1004	H3068	H7887
			and the child
			H5288
נָעִר:			
and the child			
H5288			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Joshua 18:1** (Parallel theme): And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

**Deuteronomy 12:11** (References Lord): Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD: