

1 Samuel 1:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

Analysis

Hannah's declaration 'For this child I prayed' is emphatic in Hebrew - literally 'unto this child I prayed.' Her testimony explicitly connects specific prayer with specific answer. The phrase 'the LORD hath given me my petition' (sh'elati) uses the same root as Samuel's name, reinforcing the naming explanation from verse 20. Hannah models testimony that glorifies God rather than self - she prayed, but God gave. The answer came from divine grace, not human merit. Yet God chose to work through human petition, honoring Hannah's faith-filled intercession.

Historical Context

Public testimony of answered prayer was common in Israelite worship (Psalm 22:22-25; 40:9-10; 116:12-14). Such declarations served both to honor God and to encourage others' faith. Hannah's testimony would have been heard by other worshipers at Shiloh.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How do you balance acknowledging your role in prayer with giving God glory for the answer?
2. What forum do you have for public testimony of God's faithfulness?

Interlinear Text

אֶל	הַנֶּעַר	הַזֶּה	הִתְפַּלֵּל לִי	וַיֵּן	יְהוָה	לִי	אֶת
H413	For this child	H2088	I prayed	hath given	and the LORD	H0	H853
	H5288		H6419	H5414	H3068		
מִעֲמִוִּי	שָׂא לִי	אֲשֶׁר	שָׂא לִי				
	me my petition	H834	which I asked	H5973			
	H7596		H7592				

Additional Cross-References

1 John 5:15 (Parallel theme): And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Psalms 118:5 (References Lord): I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place.

Psalms 6:9 (Prayer): The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.

Matthew 7:7 (Parallel theme): Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: