

1 Samuel 2:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

Analysis

Hannah's yearly gift of a little coat (me'il, a sleeveless robe) demonstrates enduring maternal love within her vow of dedication. The me'il later becomes a significant garment - Samuel will wear a distinctive robe as prophet, and its tearing will symbolize the tearing of Saul's kingdom (15:27-28). Hannah's simple act of making and bringing this garment shows that dedication to God does not eliminate natural affection but sanctifies it. Her annual visits maintained connection while honoring her commitment. Godly parenting balances release with ongoing care.

Historical Context

The me'il was an outer robe worn over the tunic, often indicating status or office. High priests wore an elaborate version (Exodus 28:31-35). By making Samuel's robe, Hannah participated in her son's development while respecting his dedicated service at Shiloh.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do you maintain meaningful connection with those you have released to God's service?
2. What practical expressions of love accompany your spiritual commitments?

Interlinear Text

וְיָמַעַ יֵל	קָטַן	תַּעֲשֶׂה	לֹ	אִמּוֹ	וּבְעִלּוֹתֶיהָ
coat	him a little	made	H0	Moreover his mother	and brought
H4598	H6996	H6213		H517	H5927
הַמִּיָּמִים:	הַמִּיָּמִים:	וּבְעִלּוֹתֶיהָ	אֶת	אִשָּׁהּ	
it to him from year	it to him from year	and brought	H854	with her husband	
H3117	H3117	H5927		H376	
לִזְבֹּחַ	אֶת	זֶבַח	הַמִּיָּמִים:		
to offer	H853	sacrifice	it to him from year		
H2076		H2077	H3117		

Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 1:3 (Sacrifice): And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.

1 Samuel 1:21 (Sacrifice): And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.