

# Sermon Outline

## A Son is Given ... to a Dysfunctional Family

1 Samuel 1:1 – 2:11

**Introduction:** The household's matriarch ushers in the Jewish Sabbath

**I. 1:1-8: An obscure family from a remote location**

Elkanah a Levite ... and a polygamist

Peninnah – fertile ... and arrogant

Hannah – loved by her husband ... but still sad

**II. 1:9-20: Hannah's prayer and vow**

Hannah's total inability is God's starting point

Hannah's humility (toward her husband, Eli and God)

Hannah's peace found at a throne of grace

Hannah's vow: Dedicating to God what is already His

Hannah's answer: A Son is Given

Samuel or Saul (*Sh'muel* – God hears or *sha'ul* – asked for)

**III. 1:21-28: Fulfilling the vow**

A three-year delay while Samuel is weaned

**IV. 2:1-11: Hannah's song**

A Psalm (113:7-9); a Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

Hannah's prophecy of a coming king and judge (v. 9-10)

**Epilogue: Samuel and Jesus**