

Hanna

A virtuous woman who is he who can find her? She is far more precious than jewels and her value is far above rubies or pearls (Proverbs 31).

Hanna was one of the wives of Elkanah from Ephraim; Peninnah, the other wife, had children, but Hanna was childless. This weighted heavily in her heart. Every year they would go up to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord at Shiloh. Hanna deeply in her sorrow would go pray to the Lord for a child. She made a vow to the Lord saying, Lord of Hosts if You will take notice of Your servant's affliction, remember and not forget me, and give Your servant a son, I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and his hair will never be cut (I Sam. 1). So it was that the Lord heard her prayer and she became the mother of Samuel. As she vowed to the Lord, she gave him back to Him and Samuel grew in the temple serving the Lord all his life. He became a prophet and judge in Israel; the Lord let none of his words fall to the ground; and all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord (I Sa.3:19-21).

Samuel well represented the values his family stood for and the desire his mom had for him to serve the Lord. God had a purpose for Samuel which was accomplished in his life time. Much prayer went up for him in agreement with God's will for his life, even before he had any knowledge of the Word of God, He called him for a specific and difficult task. Today's mother needs to know that our children are never safe in this world, even in a Christian environment. Dressed in the armor of God, we must battle for them at all times; temptations are ever before them and, as YAHSHUA said, The flesh is weak.

For those mothers who have killed their children while in the womb, there is judgment waiting, if not here beyond this life, if there would not be repentance. Mothers who are offering their children as a sacrifice for their sexual pleasure have lost a big part of their life; they are selfish and this sin will find them out in their old age. Millions have been sacrificed, millions of lives have been wasted in garbage cans and other means; they had not the opportunity to fulfill their role on this earth. The spirits of these little ones cry before God and someday their cries will be heard.

Samuel, the Bible says, ministered before the Lord, a child girded with linen ephod; moreover his mother made him a little robe and brought it to him from year to year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice (I Sam.2:18-19). There was then a relationship from mother to son even if once a year. We can never over give to the Lord; His blessings are abundant to those who are faithful to Him and it was not different for Hanna. After Samuel God blessed her with three sons and two daughters; and Hanna lived a fulfilled life. When we withhold our children from the Lord, we and our family will miss His blessings. Our children must be given to the Lord for His leadership and fulfillment of His will in their lives. Samuel stayed the course serving the Lord because prayers went up for him. Life for a young child is a lot more difficult than for Samuel today; but we have our God that never changes; He is the same, always ready to hear prayers of a mother.

We mothers must be aware of the impact we do have in our children; so the blame must take place with us first; the children will do what they see us doing; and for some reason we do not like their behavior. Just remember next time when you must discipline your child to do a heart search and ask God to change your ways of guiding your children. They are blessings from the Lord; let's treat them as such with love that will never fade in their heart. The Word of God instructs us to teach them day and night; impress these words of Mine on your hearts and souls, bind them as a sign on your hands, and let them be a symbol on your foreheads; teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that as long as the heavens are above the earth, your days and those of your children may be many in the land the Lord swore to your fathers (Deut. 11: 18-21). None of us can be perfect mothers in every sense of the word, but we can at least try to reach to the stars of perfection!

THINK ABOUT IT!