

The Correct Response

Mother's Day, Sunday Morning, May 10, 2015

I. A Widow's Response To Challenge (I Kings 17:9-16)

9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you."

10 So he arose & went to Zarephath & when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks & he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink."

11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

12 So she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; & afterward make some for yourself & your son."

14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.'"

15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; & she & he and her household ate for many days.

16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah.

The Correct Response:

- ✝ She Listened To The Word of the Lord
- ✝ She Trusted The Word of the Lord
- ✝ She Obedied The Word of the Lord
- ✝ She did not rebuke God's challenge.

II. Hannah's Response To Persecution (I Sam 1:1-20)

1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim Zophim, of the mountains of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.

2 And he had two wives: the name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 This man went up from his city yearly to worship and sacrifice to the Lord of hosts in Shiloh. Also the two sons of Eli, Hophni & Phinehas, the priests of the Lord, were there.

4 And whenever the time came for Elkanah to make an offering, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters.

5 But to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, although the Lord had closed her womb.

6 And her rival also provoked her severely, to make her miserable, because the Lord had closed her womb.

7 So it was, year by year, when she went up to the house of the Lord, that she provoked her; therefore she wept and did not eat.

8 Then Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? And why is your heart grieved? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

9 So Hannah arose after they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the tabernacle[c] of the Lord.

10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish.

11 Then she made a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head." *(More of Passage on Next Page)*

12 And it happened, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli watched her mouth.

13 Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she was drunk.

14 So Eli said to her, "How long will you be drunk? Put your wine away from you!"

15 But Hannah answered & said, "No, my lord, I am a woman of sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord.

16 "Do not consider your maidservant a wicked woman,[d] for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief I have spoken until now."

17 Then Eli answered & said, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him."

18 And she said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

19 Then they rose early in the morning & worshiped before the Lord, and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her.

20 So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel,[e] saying, "Because I have asked for him from the Lord."

The Correct Response:

- ✚ She Had A Right Heart Before God
- ✚ She Was Not Vengeful in Heart or Actions, Even Though She Was Tormented By Peninah
- ✚ She Sought God With A Humble & Genuine Heart
- ✚ She Praised God For Her Child Samuel, An Answer To Prayer
- ✚ She did not revile her persecutor.

III. A Mother's Response To Character (Romans 16: 12 – 13)

12 Greet Tryphena & Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord. 13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

Note:

She probably was the one who prayed that God would stop Saul of Tarsus.

The Correct Response:

- ✚ She Was Loved by Paul As His Own Mother.
- ✚ She Was a Loving Christian Woman
- ✚ She Was Faithful and Ministering
- ✚ She did not label Paul/Saul's character.
Instead, She accepted his conversion/faith.

Conclusion:

Mom's,
Your Correct Response
Will Impact Others
For God's Glory