

"An Ideal Mother." 1-Sam.1:27-28;2:19;3:1

- 1-Her name was Hannah which means "grace."
- 2-Hannah was sad because she had no child.

3-Seriously,

There are some mothers who do not completely fill the place which God has for them. So I bring the story of an ideal mother of long ago.

4-Some common methods of judging women are:

- 1-By beauty of face and form. Hence the efforts made to be attractive.
- 2-By her manner of dress--Hence the great desire for outward adornment.
- 3-Her occupation--Hence the rush for the better places.
- 4-Social position and wealth--Hence the eagerness to excel.
- 5-Cleverness--The woman with brains goes far. hence the multitude of colleges.
- 6-Character---the salt---without which the other lose their flavor.

1-There will be many and varied results in judging by the above, singly or in combinations.

5-In this case other ways must be sought.

- 1-Nothing is said of Hannah's beauty.
- 2-Nothing set down about her outward adornment.
- 3-Likely she was not wealthy----and we know that she had no high social standing.

6-When the first book of Samuel opens, the old order of things was bad, about as bad as it could be.

- 1-Since the death of Joshua and through the period of time described in the book of Judges things seemed to be going from bad to worse.
- 2-The high priest Eli, was a good but weak man.
- 3-His son had no regard for their religious office or even common decency.

7-The advent of Hannah marks an exceedingly favourable turning point in the affairs of the Israelites. A central government is set up etc.



8-Hannah's ~~desire~~ desire and her grasp of the future.

- 1-Hannah knew exactly what she wanted.
- 2-She prayed for a son and in due time a son was born to her.
- 3-She knew what she wanted her son to do. She had a wide and far seeing vision of what she wanted Samuel to become.
- 4-So accordingly:

Hannah did not allow Samuel to grow up anyway and anyhow. In accordance with what she wanted Samuel to be she carefully planned his training.

9-Hannah's personal characteristics are many. We consider four at this time.

1-She was a poetess of no mean order or rank.

1-Samuel 2:1-10;

1-God's attributes of power, holiness, knowledge, majesty and purity are wonderfully set forth.

2-Confidence in God is urged, without which there can be no stable belief in anything.

2-She is a Prophetess. Ch. 2:9-10.

3-She was spiritual.

1-She moved and had her very being in accord with God.

4-She was a good mother: This goes with out comment.

1-Every line of what is written about her life breathes of her love and care for her son.

10-The mother usually makes the spiritual atmosphere of the home. We are always in need:

1-Mother's ideals; mother's hopes and aims.

2-Mother's personal interest in us, and mother's help in all of our problems.

11-What Samuel did for his mother:

1-He became great enough to anoint two kings for his people. (2) He never forsook the God his mother taught him to serve and worship.

(3) He never disappointed his mother's hopes nor her prayers. See what God wrought through an ideal mother.

