

THE BOOK OF FIRST SAMUEL

"Praying About God"

1 Samuel 2:4-8

Introduction

1. What to pray about may pose a problem for many people. For Hannah it did not. She knew the Lord and filled her prayers with Him.

2. Based upon the knowledge of His omniscience (2:3), Hannah prayed to the Lord and recided His wonderful ability to weigh actions.

3. God does weigh actions and He does see to the proper balance of all things. Nothing is outside His purview. Consider the matters to which He relates Himself. They run in pairs:

1. POTENTIALITY, v. 4.

a. The strong--bows of the mighty are broken.

The thought expressed here is one of internal strikes with fear. The knees strike as if broken. Strong expression of inability.

b. The weak--are girded with strength.

Verb for "stumble" means to totter or stagger. Signifies trembling of the whole body. "Strength" means warlike valour. Psa. 18:32, 39.

Let's face it: one's personal fortitude is up to the Lord!

2. PROPERTY, vv. 5, 7, 8.

a. The rich--hired themselves out for bread.

Word "rich" means those with abundance of drink and food. But God makes them hire out (as soldiers) for bread (food in general).

