

Samuel

A Life on Loan Lent to God

1 Samuel 1 & 2

Since our lives are on loan from the Lord, how then will we live unto Him?

Then [Hannah] made a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if You...give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life..."

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

[When] the child is weaned; then I will take him [to the Temple], that he may appear before the Lord and remain there forever."

For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition which I asked of Him Therefore I also have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord."



When you give God your life you are giving Him a lifetime loan

Hannah says her child will belong in the Temple of the Lord. She lends Samuel permanently (this is not a short-term loan, like you would loan your car to a friend). Normally, this child would remain within their household, and carry on the lineage of her husband Elkanah. She forfeits all of this.

The Temple represented the Lord's perpetual work
Hannah acknowledges God as the giver of life

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it

Psalms 24:1 - NIV

HANNA (1 Samuel 1 & 2)

Commoner
Petitioned the Lord
Selfless heart
Gave a holy offering away
Lived holy to the Lord
Waited on the Lord
Lent to the Lord
Gave to a perpetual work to the Lord
Viewed life as a gift



ELI'S SONS (1 Samuel 2)

Priest
Ignored the Lord
Selfish heart
Dishonored the Lord by taking a holy offering for themselves
Lived unholy unto themselves
Took by force
Horded for themselves
Used their work as a perpetual lust unto themselves
Viewed life like a right



A lifetime loan to the Lord - Not just giving offerings, but *being* the offering