

Questions for 1 Samuel 1:1-28

1. A) How long has it been since the latest events recorded in the book of Judges? B) Identify the area that Elkanah lived. (Verses 1-3)

2. A) Was Elkanah supposed to favor one wife over another? B) What does it mean that the Lord “closed her womb”, did God cause it? C) How does the rivalry between Hannah and Peninnah show us that polygamy was a bad idea and not from God? (Verses 4-8)

3. A) What can we learn from this account about the power and need of prayer? B) Can we make vows to the Lord today? C) What were the specifics of the vow that Hannah made concerning her child? (Verses 9-11)

4. A) Why did Eli think that she was drunk? B) Why might've Eli had been concerned about her being drunk and Hannah particular to not be considered a "wicked woman"? (Verses 12-18)

5. A) What does it mean whenever the Bible says the Lord "remembered" someone? B) What does the name Samuel mean? C) Why did Hannah wait until Samuel was weaned to give him to the Lord? (Verses 19-23)

6. A) What is the significance of all the supplies that was brought with them? B) What does it mean that he was "lent" to the Lord? C) Are there any lessons that mothers and fathers can take from this account about the responsibility of children given by God? (Verse 24-28)