

Bible Talk Outline



OUR GOD LISTENS | Luke Dahlenburg

Bible reading: 1 Samuel 1:1-11; 19-20 and 2:1-10

Big Idea: God is the strong helper of the helpless.

God Sees Our Helplessness (1 Samuel 1:1-8)

Time of Judges → bleak, chaotic, no king.

Elkanah: ordinary, but worships the Lord Almighty (1:3).

Hannah: barren → not just personal tragedy. Not participating in God's plan from Genesis 3:15. In Scripture, barren women signal big turning points (Sarah, Rebekah, Samson's mum).

God Hears Our Prayers (1 Samuel 1:9-11; 19-20)

Hannah: mocked by Peninnah, misunderstood by Elkanah.

She pours out her anguish before God (1:9-11).

Asks for a son, promises to give him back → set apart as a Nazarite. Costly prayer! Numbers 6.

Not a formula for "pray hard = get what you want."

Shows what trusting God looks like when life feels helpless.

Eli encourages → Hannah rests, content to leave request with God.

God "remembers" → Samuel is born.

Samuel will anoint king, he is not the king.

God Lifts the Humble (1 Samuel 2:1–10)

Hannah's prayer (2:1–10) → theme of reversal.

The strong fall, the weak rise.

The full are emptied, the hungry filled.

God makes whole (2:5–6).

Image of the horn → strength comes from God alone (2:9).

Anticipates God's King = one who will rule in weakness, not worldly power.

Two Take Homes

i. Prayer

- a. Personal needs *and* God's big purposes. Philippians 1:9–11.

ii. Dependence

- a. Trusting our Sovereign God.
- b. Our hope is in Jesus—the true reversal at the Cross.
- c. "It is not by strength that one prevails" (2:9) Is he this for you?