

SAMUEL

- The Man Who Heard God

The last and the best of the Judges

3.20; 7.15-16

- and the first king-maker 12.1

An Answer to Prayer

1 Samuel 1 .1-20

1. An Unpromising Background, vs1-8

➤ *obscure, v1 - town, clan*

1 Cor 1.26-29

➤ *embarrassing, v2 - polygamy*

Gen 2.24

➤ *religious, vs3-5 - annual worship*
a loving, but insensitive, father

➤ *an unhappy mother, vs6-8*

- broken by another woman

2. A Praying Mother, vs 9-18

- *she prayed from a broken heart, v10*
no one else understood her grief v8,16
- *she poured out her soul to the Lord*
 - *complete openness, v15*
Ps 42.4; 62.8
 - *personal and private, v13*
Mat 6.5-6
- *she pledged her future to the Lord v11*
“I will give back to you the thing
that would mean most to me”
children are God’s gift to us
to be given back to him

3. An Answer to Prayer, vs 19-20

- *natural process, miraculous outcome*
pray for those yet to be born
- *childless? God’s grace is sufficient*
for all our needs
2 Cor 12.8-10; 1 Tim 1.14