

**God Graciously Intervenes**  
**1 Samuel 1:1-2:11**

**I. Introduction to 1& 2 Samuel**

1. Books named for Samuel - a principle character
2. Samuel, God's man in transition, Judges to Kings  
Last Judge, anointed Saul and David, first 2 kings  
Books span about 150 years - Samuel - David
3. Historical setting for these books  
Period of Judges was a time of spiritual decline  
Israel fails to drive out Canaanites after Joshua  
Judges 1 & 2 describe this failure  
They intermarry with Canaanites & worship their gods  
God gives them over to other nations in judgment  
Book of Judges ends very sadly  
One tribe, Dan goes off into idolatry  
One tribe, Benjamin almost lost due to immorality  
But God's grace intervenes again & again in deliverance  
God raises up judges to deliver, judge His people  
God often uses the weak things to bring His deliverance  
God's grace is seen in individuals like Boaz  
His story is told in the Book of Ruth  
As he cares for the widows & poor letting them glean his fields  
As he obeys God's law of redemption & marries Ruth  
In him we find the beginning of David's story  
Over this period Philistines become a strong enemy  
Corruption had crept even into the priesthood  
Eli's sons are evil in God's eyes – 1 Sam. 2:12-17
4. Hannah appears as another gift of grace  
Her story is told in 1 Samuel 1 & 2  
God brings Samuel into this setting to serve Him  
Samuel becomes the last judge & God's prophet

**II. God Hears Hannah's Cry - 1:1-2:11**

1. Hannah cries out to God in her need – 1:1-16  
In days of spiritual decline her family worshipped God - 3  
Hannah was barren & tormented by Peninnah– 2-7  
Elkanah reassured her of his love – 5, 8  
In tears she prayed to the Lord with a vow- 9-12  
If God gave her a son she would give him back to serve God  
He would be set apart to God as a Nazarite  
In her grief Eli accused her of drunkenness - 13-15  
In her defense she shared her heart's burden - 16
2. Eli assured her that God heard her prayer - 17-19  
She responded in faith – eating & rejoicing  
She also responded by worshipping God
3. God answered Hannah's prayer - 20-23  
A son is born named Samuel (asked of God)

- She remained home with her son until weaned  
Elkanah supports her in fulfilling this vow
4. As vowed she gave him to God - 24-28  
She offered a sacrifice of thanks to God  
She gave young son to Eli the High Priest
  5. Hannah's praise for God's gift - 2:1-10  
She gives praise for God's greatness - 1-2  
God intervenes in human lives – 3-8  
She prophesies of God's final victory – 9-10
  6. Hannah's son becomes Israel's hope - 11