

Chapter 2

Hannah praised God for giving her a child:

"My heart rejoices in the Lord.

The Lord, our fortress, is holy.

Don't speak proudly,

for the Lord knows what's in our hearts.

The Lord breaks the power of the strong.

He gives strength and victory to the weak.

He blesses the barren woman.

The Lord raises the poor from the dust,
and gives them a seat of honor with princes.

The Lord guards the steps of good people,
but scatters bad people in their pride."

The Lord blessed Hannah

and she gave birth to three more sons and two daughters.

Her son Samuel grew up in the temple.

The temple priest at that time was Eli.

But Eli's sons were bad men.

They stole the people's offerings to the Lord.

Dear God, please bless good people like Hannah,
and please help bad people
like Eli's sons to stop being bad

Chapter 3

One day when the boy Samuel was serving in the temple,
the Lord called to him "Samuel, Samuel."

The boy thought it was the old priest Eli calling to him
so he ran to Eli and said "Here I am."

Eli replied "I did not call you."