

Can God Restore Us From Disgrace?

Text: 1 Samuel 1:1-28

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Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4

- a) Was there anything personally meaningful that impressed upon you from 1 Samuel 1:1-28?

Point 1: What Happened to Hanna?

Question #5

- a) What were the different ways that Hannah had become disgraced?
- b) Can you recall a time where you experienced similar circumstances?
- c) How did it shape your view of yourself and of God?
- d) Why is it essential that we allow God's Word to shape our view of ourselves and God and not our circumstances, feelings or emotions?
- e) Which are you most prone to allow shape your view of God? Why?
- f) Spend time sharing 2-3 Scriptures that declare who God is and who you are in Jesus Christ.

Question #6

Note: Please use your fruit to root diagram for the following questions.

- a) **Rd vv. 11 & 19:** What does it mean for God to “remember”?
- b) Do you have assurance to believe that God is aware of you when you are in troubling situations? Use Scripture to support your answer.
- c) What things are you most prone to run to when you don’t believe God is remembering you?
- d) What fruits result from you pursuing those things?
- e) What lies are you believing that are leading to that fruit?
- f) What is it you really want from pursuing those things?
- g) What gospel treasure do you need to replace that idolatry with?
- h) What gospel truth do you need to replace the lie with?
- i) What gospel fruit do you need to pray for and live out in Christ’s power to replace the sinful action?
- j) Spend time in prayer repenting of each fruit, lie believed and root of sin, then ask the Lord for faith, power and joy to live out the truth that is yours in Christ Jesus.

Point 2: How was Hannah Restored?

Question #7

- a) **Rd v. 12-18 & Hebrews 4:15-16:** How does Christ’s character as priest compare to Eli’s character as a priest?
- b) How is Christ’s priesthood significant for every believer?
- c) What is one step you can take this week to apply this truth in your life?
- d) Spend time in prayer with your group and stay accountable to them this week.

Question #8

- a) Prayer includes lamenting, asking and waiting. Which of these has proven hardest for you in prayer? Why? that one?
- b) How can Christians support one another in prayer through their troubles?

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) REVERENCE before God: God, You are the Lord who_____.
- b) HUMILITY before God: Lord, I repent of my unbelief in You when_____.
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord, I thank You for: i) Remembering me when_____. ii) Restoring me when_____.
- d) SUPPLICATION to God: Lord, I ask for: i) Increasing faith to trust You in_____. ii) For increasing authentic prayer in my life.

Memory Verse:

“...and the LORD remembered her.”-1 Samuel 1:20a

