



*Motherhood—A Holy Ambition!*

*1 Samuel 1*

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*“All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother.”—Abraham Lincoln*

*“Give me a generation of Christian mothers, and I will undertake to change the whole face of society in twelve months.”—Lord Shaftesbury*

*Scripture holds up motherhood as the highest calling any woman could ever be summoned to.*

*Hannah “is a reminder that mothers are the makers of men and the architects of the next generation.”—John MacArthur*

*If you have been summoned to motherhood, then understand that you must have three great loves as the basis and foundation of this calling.*

*I. You must have a great love for your husband! (1 Sam 1:1-8)*

- A. God raised up a godly woman by the name of Hannah.*
- B. Hannah’s love for her husband was one of the key foundations for her profound influence as a mother.*
- C. The most important relationship of a mother is not her relationship with her children, but her relationship with her husband.*

*“The love between husband and wife is the real key to a thriving family.”—John MacArthur*

- D. The visible love between a mother and her husband will serve as an incredible source of security for their children.*

*II. You must have a great love for God! (1 Sam 1:9-18)*

- A. Love for God will produce love for each other.*
- B. Israel greatly needed a man who could lead the nation back to God.*
- C. Hannah’s love for the Lord is seen in her fervent prayer life.*
- D. Prayer is how we experience intimacy with God. (Heb 5:7)*

*“The great tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer.”—F.B. Meyer*

*“The reason we must ask God for things he already intends to give us is that He wants to teach us dependence, especially our need for Himself.”—Erwin Lutzer*

*“But when you pray, go into your room close the door and pray to your Father who is unseen. Then, your Father who sees in secret, will reward you” (Matt 6:6) - Jesus Christ*

*“The chief purpose of prayer is that God may be glorified in the answer.”—R.A. Torrey*

*III. She loved her home! Verses 19-28*

- A. Hannah was devoted to her home and her family. (Prov 22:6)*
- B. God had allowed her to achieve her one ambition—to be a godly mother.*
- C. Hannah shows us what God can do through one mother who is totally devoted to Him.*