

THE ELUSIVE MIRACLE

God is a good God, a God of miracles! But what do you do when years pass, and it seems your blessing is far away?

- When you are waiting on a promise from God, it is normal to sometimes feel overwhelmed or exhausted. But whatever you do, don't give up! The Bible says you will reap if you do not faint. ***Galatians 6:9***
- The devil fights your blessings because every time you obtain a new promise from the Lord, your faith increases and that puts you in a position of greater empowerment. Do not be surprised or overwhelmed by spiritual warfare, Jesus promised you a life more abundantly. The devil is under your feet! ***John 10:10***
- Is there a secret to helping your promise manifest quickly? Yes! We understand all things must happen in the proper timing of God, but you can prepare for and provoke the promise, by getting in position.
- Examples of God's promises found in the Bible are good health and healing, long life, children (a heritage of the Lord), marriage (created by God, it is His intention for man and woman), family salvation, prosperity and success. Just to name a very few. If God says you can have it in the Bible, you can have it in your life now.

**Scriptures not quoted*

- i. **Acts 10:34, Romans 2:11**: A promise of God is something that appears in the Bible and is stated as something the Lord does or will do, for His people. We can also say this: a promise is something God has done before, which means He will do it again. The Word says that God is no respecter of persons, so what He does for one, He will do for another.

Some of us are born into families that have not received the promises of God. If that is the case for you, then just like I did, you can become the bloodline curse breaker for your family! When that happens, and you begin to receive the promises of God, that is such a miraculous experience!

Some of us have great faith, but we have been in spiritual warfare that has blocked us from receiving the promises of God. God is a miracle worker, but it seems that your miracles have been elusive.

- ii. **1 Samuel 1:1-2**: We encounter an interesting family dynamic. A man by the name of Elkanah, which means acquired by God in the Hebrew, is married to a woman named Hannah, which means gracious. Biblical history tells us Elkanah was married to Hannah for 10 years, but because Hannah's womb was closed, Elkanah took a second wife named Peninnah.

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- iii. **1 Samuel 1:2-11**; Peninnah had children easily, which brought great pain to Hannah.

Peninnah was not kind to Hannah; to the contrary, Peninnah was deliberately mean to Hannah. Finally, in desperation and filled with sorrow, Hannah decides to take the matter to the Lord of hosts. Hannah was chasing her elusive miracle! She knew nothing was impossible for the Lord. God could help her, of that Hannah was sure.

Hannah and Elkanah were people of faith. Their annual pilgrimage to worship and sacrifice at God's temple was a specific honoring of Jehovah Sabaoth, Lord of angel armies. Hannah knew she was in a battle, and it was time to get the Lord of angel armies involved to help her win.

Facts about Hannah:

Hannah was A woman of prayer.

Hannah was a woman of faith.

Hannah was a woman of the Word.

Hannah was a woman of integrity.

Hannah was a woman who kept her work

Faith without works is dead; we see Hannah lived her faith; it was her lifestyle. ***James 2:14***

Hannah would have certainly been justified to engage with Peninnah, due to the abuse she was suffering. But when you are pursuing an elusive miracle, do not engage with your haters. Do not get down into the mud and roll around in it. Go straight to God, who can help you! Keep walking the high road Jesus has called you to!

- iv. **1 Samuel 1:12-19**; Hannah's visit to the temple was not in vain. She encountered the priest Eli, who thought she was drunk because she was praying fervently yet silently. But Hannah was not drunk, she was simply in the kind of fervent prayer that one with a heart filled with sorrow engages in, when they are determined to lay hold of an elusive miracle!

When Hannah explained her situation to Eli, the man of God gave her a good prophetic word. That word changed everything for Hannah! Now she could celebrate! Now she could eat! Even though the miracle had not yet come to pass, Hannah's face helped her grab hold of that word, so Hannah was in expectation!

I have a question for you: IS A WORD ENOUGH FOR YOU TO MAKE YOU PURSUE YOUR ELUSIVE MIRACLE?

- v. **1 Samuel 1:20-28**; In that passionate moment, Hannah made a vow to the Lord that if He would give her a son, she would give him to God. Well, the Lord remembered Hannah, which means He heard her prayer and caused His miracle working power to locate her. What God does for one, God will do for another. That means God will remember you too! That means the miracle working power of the Lord will locate you too!
- vi. **1 Samuel 2:1-10**; Hannah's prophetic prayer.

vii. **1 Samuel 2:11**; We see little Samuel began his ministry. Hannah did indeed keep her word. She gave her son back to the Lord. But what an honor, Hannah birthed the first prophet of Israel! God has a way of honoring you in front of your enemies. The Lord will bless you and favor you in plain view of the ones who tried to destroy you!

Hannah then she went on to have five other children! God will often give you more than you asked for simply because your faith pleases Him! That is a prophetic word for you today: your faith pleases God, so expect God to give you more than you asked for!

Ephesians 3:20: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.