

Hannah's Song Season 2: Comprehending God's Authority



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Scripture

- **I Samuel 2:1-9**

Then Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth speaks boldly against my enemies because I rejoice in Your salvation. There is no one holy like the LORD, Indeed, there is no one besides You, nor is there any rock like our God. Boast no more so very proudly, do not let arrogance come out of your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and with Him actions are weighed., The bows of the mighty are shattered, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full hire themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry cease to hunger. Even the barren gives birth to seven, but she who has many children languishes. The LORD kills and makes alive; He brings down to Sheol and raises up. The LORD makes poor and rich; He brings low. He also exalts. He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with nobles, and inherit a seat of honor...

- **Deuteronomy 4:39**

"...He is God in heaven above and on the earth below..."

- **Isaiah 45:7**

"The One...causing well-being and creating calamity..."

- **John 19:11**

Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above>"

Other Scriptures

- Job 1:1-12; 42:5
- John 19:10-11
- Luke 22:3-6
- Genesis 32:22-32

Main Points

- We need to perceive circumstances in our lives, whether good or bad, as relating to the Lord.
- We need to get the mind of God by understanding the way that the writers of the Hebrew Bible understood God.
- Questions to Ask God:
 - “What purpose does God have in this?”
- The devil can only operate under Father God’s authority.
- God can bring about a higher good by bringing us through a painful time.
- The Hebrew name Ya’akov means Jacob in English.
- Our God is sovereign.
- Adon Olam is the Hebrew transliteration of the English phrase Master of the Universe.

Discussion Questions

1. How does Hannah demonstrate a strong belief in God’s sovereignty? Explain your answer.
2. How did the Old Testament writers understand God in both good and bad circumstances?
3. How did Jesus Himself demonstrate His assurance that God is in charge of all circumstances? That the devil only operates under God’s authority?
4. Is it possible that God still brings judgement at times? What were some Old Testament examples when God chastised His people through hard things?
5. What is the lesson of Jacob and the dislocation of his hip? What does it mean to walk in weakness, for God’s purposes and glory?
6. What situation are you facing today that requires you to surrender to authority or hard circumstances? Are you seeking God’s higher purposes? Write about it.