

# Bible Study on 1 Samuel

## The Search for The King

### Introduction - 1 Samuel 1-2

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#### Introduction – Why are we here?

- All scripture is God breathed - 2 Timothy 3:16
  - Examples for us – 1 Corinthians 10:6 Hebrews 11
  - Gives Hope – Romans 15:4
  - Lead us to Christ - Luke 24

*“The words I have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and life’ (John 6:63). It is not that Jesus is saying in some metaphorical sense that his words will bring fullness of life and lead people to walk in the power of the Spirit, if they obey them, true though that may be. Instead, he means what he (literally) says: because his words are words which God identifies as entirely his own, they are literally ‘full of the Spirit’, who is himself God, and full of eternal life. For how could words that have their origin in God and that God names as his own be anything else?” - Timothy Ward – Words of Life*

Dig Deeper

#### What is 1 Samuel all about? Context Tool

- What is happening in Israel before 1 Samuel? (Judges 21:25)
- What is happening after 2 Samuel? (2 Samuel 7:12-16)
- Therefore 1 and 2 Samuel must be about....?

#### Study together

1. Read through Hannah’s prayer. 2v1-10
2. What does it teach about God? How is he described? What is he like?
3. How does chapter 2v7b work out in the rest of chapter or even the whole book? (think about the comparison between Eli sons and Samuel.

Eli’s sons	Samuel
V12 -17	8-21
22-25	V26
V29-30	V35

4. Therefore, how might Israel have heard this prayer knowing what kind of situation they were in? –  
Context tool
5. What does this prayer teach us about who God will act through? Hint v10 - use your parallelism tool.

### Two Main points

God is Saviour

God is Judge

Therefore, humble yourself before his king?

*'Pride is more than the first of seven deadly sins; it is itself the essence of all sin' for pride seeks to exalt self in the place of God... At every stage of our Christian development and in every sphere of our Christian discipleship, pride is the greatest enemy and humility the greatest friend'. – John Stott*

### Homework

Read chapters 1-7

- How do you see Hannah's prayer and what she teaches about God at work in this passages?
- How would you summarise the events that happen? What do you think they teach us about God and our search for his King?

## Appendix A - Nigel Beynon/Andrew Sach Dig Deeper Tools

**The Author's Purpose Tool** - Discovering why the author has written is a big piece of what the message of the book/passage is about

**The Context Tool** - What is the flow of a passage – what happened before and what happened after?

**The Structure Tool** – How is the material broken down into sections?

**The Linking Words Tool** - What words move the passage on its flow and argument. 'Therefore' 'For'

The Parallels Tool - Common in Hebrew poetry – Parallel verses working with each other to bring meaning

The Narrator's Comment Tool – The author making comments and hints to help bring understanding. Very common on John's gospel

The Vocabulary Tool - the bible has its own terminology (Justified, Reconciled etc)

**The Translations Tool** - using a wide variety of translations to compare a passage with.

The Tone and Feel Tool - Some passages are written like a love letter, others like an army officer

The Repetition Tool - Key words repeated to help you to get the centre of a passage

The Quotation/Allusion Tool - What images or quotations are given in one part of the bible from other parts? How are the same or different?

**The Genre Tool** - Is it poetry or law or narrative?

The Copycat Tool - We are to copy the examples given to us (not always!)

**The Bible Timeline Tool** - where does this fit in the whole bible story?

**The 'Who Am I?' Tool** - where do I fit in the whole bible?

**The 'So What?' Tool** – How then does this apply to you?