

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

12-16-18 Ken Carlton

Title: EVE'S HEART CRY

Main Text: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Aim: TO FEATURE THE GLORIES OF SCRIPTURE FOLLOWING THE HOPE OF EVE THROUGH THE PATRIARCHAL AND PROPHETIC ERA.

Sermon Description: In our Genesis study, we have noted the hope invested in the cry of Eve in Genesis 4:1 when she exclaims: "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord." This moment occurs after the fall and banishment from Eden upon the birth of her son Cain. The Lord had promised, after all, that a future son of Eve would crush the serpent's head. Though Eve's hopes were not realized in her son Cain – far from it – nevertheless her heart cry lives on through the legacy of faithful women through the patriarchal period and into the judges/prophets. In many cases their anguish stems from bareness as they cry out to God to open their womb that they might bear a son and carry forward the hope of Eve. (Gen 21:6-7) Sarah, beloved yet barren wife of Abraham exclaims: "God has made laughter over me... Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have born him a son in his old age." She names her son Isaac – or – 'Laughter' as cynical doubt gives way to miraculous joy. Rachel, beloved yet barren wife of Jacob (Gen 30:22-24) joins the chorus of Eve's hope upon the birth of her son Joseph. She cries: "God has taken away my reproach". Joseph goes forth to live out a messianic calling serving as a type in redemptive history pointing forward to the Christ yet to come. In the era of the judges/prophets this theme is echoed once again as the beloved yet barren wife of a certain man named Elkanah cries out for a son. Elkanah's wife's name is Hannah (I Sam 1:10-11). "she was deeply distressed and prayed..." Hannah's prayer life shifts from petition to praise in chapter 2 as she fulfills her vow to dedicate her son Samuel to the Lord at Shiloh. At this point in covenant history, the heart cry of Eve expands in particular prophetic beauty anticipating another yet to come...

Heading: ...Prophetic Significance of Eve's Heart Cry Expounded in Hannah's Prayer...

1. PREAMBLE (I Sam 2:1-2)

- a. Themes in summary
- b. Brackets for prayer
- c. Brackets for I & II Sam (II Sam 22:2-4)

2. FORTUNES OF MEN & COVENANT TRIUMPH (3-5)

- a. Hush falls on the proud
- b. Source of knowledge
- c. Tables turned

3. FORTUNES OF MEN & THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD (6-8)

- a. Death & life
- b. Princes & poor
- c. Pillars of the earth

4. FORTUNES OF MEN & THE GLORY OF THE MESSIAH (9-10)

- a. Not by might
- b. Themes in summary
- c. Exalted, powerful, anointed King

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Sarah	Theme: Rachel	Theme: Preamble (Hannah)	Theme: Triumph & sovereignty	Theme: Messiah	Theme: Mary
Verses: Gen 21:6-7	Verses: Gen 30:22-24	Verses: I Sam 2:1-2	Verses: 3-8	Verses: 9-10	Verses: Luke 1:46-55

NEXT WEEK: *Luke 1:46-55 ...Mary's Song...*