

## Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

## Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

## OUR GLORIOUS GOD

### 1 Samuel 2:1-11

**Main Thought:** In Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 2:1-11, we are reminded of the characteristics of our glorious God.

1. HE IS \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 1,2)

2. HE \_\_\_\_\_. (v 3)

3. HE HAS THE \_\_\_\_\_ TO TURN THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN. (vv 4-8)

1) The \_\_\_\_\_ are brought down and the feeble are lifted up. (v 4)

2) The \_\_\_\_\_ go hungry and the hungry are satisfied. (v 5)

3) She who was barren is blessed with \_\_\_\_\_ and she who has many children is forlorn. (v 6)

4) The Lord has \_\_\_\_\_ over life and death. (v 6)

5) The \_\_\_\_\_ humbles and exalts. (vv 7-8)

4. HE IS THE \_\_\_\_\_. (v 8)

5. HE IS \_\_\_\_\_. (vv 9-10)

1) The winning side – His \_\_\_\_\_ servants

2) The losing side – The \_\_\_\_\_

3) He will \_\_\_\_\_ the ends of the earth

6. HE WILL PROVIDE AN ANOINTED \_\_\_\_\_. (v 11)

### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read 1 Samuel 2:1-11 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. Observing Hannah's prayer (probably sung as a hymn of praise by her and later by the nation Israel), what do you learn about the God whom she worships?

8. Two times in Hannah's prayer the word "horn" appears (vv 1, 10). What is that a reference to?

9. Who were Hannah's enemies? How is she delivered? (v 1)

10. This song of Hannah's also fits the experience of Israel as a nation and the themes we are going to encounter in the books of Samuel. Can you tell which references expand the application of this song?

11. What trends do you notice in the role reversals described in verses 4-8? What is it that determines the nature of one's reversals?

12. What is the difference between the "strength" of verse 9 and the "strength" of verse 10? How has Hannah prevailed?

13. Who do you think the King and anointed one mentioned in verse 11 is a reference to? Why?