

Before the THRONE

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1 Samuel 1:5

“But to Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah; but the LORD had shut her womb.” 1 Samuel 1:5

A most critical element to spiritual success is the ability to make godly judgments. Without seeing from the Lord’s perspective our discernment will issue from our limited experience and observations and more often than not such discernments will only be so much a carnal criticism however well draped with religious terminology. “Hanna can’t have a baby because of her past.” “It’s the devil...”, and on and on natural wisdom and judgments go!

“If any of you lack wisdom (*concerning the trial you are presently experiencing*) let him ask of God” and the LORD will release to you the wisdom you need to understand the origin of your trial and how to respond to that test, so that you can be victorious in the midst of it. (James 1:2-12).

Now the LORD had shut Hannah’s womb. Not the devil, not her sin, but God! And to that end Hannah sought God with all of her heart and intense prayer (James 5:16). She was determined to “touch” heaven! And she was not disappointed as she received the desired promise! Her years of longing had produced an answer to prayer that was wholly dedicated to the Lord’s kingdom purpose – she held nothing back – but gave her all – even her first born son – to the LORD!

O, that our testing and trials should produce such fruit to the glory of God!