



Before the THRONE

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1 Samuel 1:22-23

“... and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide forever. And Elkanah, her husband, said unto her, “Do what seems good... only the LORD establish His word.” 1 Samuel 1:22-23

Hannah was a woman of her word. Having vowed before the LORD that should He give her a son she would dedicate him to the LORD “all the days of his life.” (1 Samuel 1:11). These days must have been so very precious to her! Days that she knew would come to a close and that her first born must be “lent to the LORD.”

How often do we vow before the LORD and in His mercy He answers us, only to have us renege upon our vow and begin to bargain with Him, endeavoring to lessen the vowed payment?!”

In spite of her pain, Hannah fully intended to keep her vow, and her husband stood in agreement with her, “only the LORD establish His word.” In like manner, we see that our God, in spite of His own pain, offers to us, “His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” His pain willingly borne to the end that we might be redeemed and that His word might be established in our lives!

Honor the LORD with your vows even to the point of personal loss or pain, and you will find yourself in the company of the Hannahs’ and Abrahams’ and Jephithahs’ and YAHWEH!