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All Scripture is from the King James Version. The words of Jesus are printed in red.

This book holds one saga by itself, with the same words shared on its morning.

THE KEY VERSE

"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." — MATTHEW 15:8

THE SAGA — HANNAH POURS OUT HER SOUL (1 SAMUEL 1)

Hannah came to the house of the LORD carrying a sorrow she could not fix: she had no child, and she was mocked for it year after year. She did not perform a polished prayer. She wept, she would not eat, and she prayed with such pain that Eli the priest thought she was drunk — because her lips moved but no sound came out. This was her answer:

> "I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD." — 1 SAMUEL 1:15

She left her burden with God and

went away with her face changed — before she ever saw the answer. And when the answer came, in her son Samuel, her worship poured back out as a song: "My heart rejoiceth in the LORD." — 1 SAMUEL 2:1. This is worship in spirit: not staged, not a routine — a soul poured out before the LORD.

JESUS IN THIS SAGA

Hannah's song did not end with Hannah. Many years later, another mother — Mary, the mother of Jesus — sang Hannah's song almost word for word, when she learned she would carry the Son of God:

> "My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." — LUKE 1:46-47

The poured-out heart of Hannah points us straight to Jesus.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THIS SAGA

Hannah had no words left — only tears. The Holy Spirit knows that kind of prayer. He helps us when we cannot find the words:

> "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." — ROMANS 8:26

CARRY THIS WITH YOU TODAY

When have you caught yourself going through the motions of worship? What brought your heart back?

— From "Worshiping the Father in Spirit and in Truth," a 10-day devotional by Terrell Powell, Open Collaboration

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Answer the day's question in writing: Am I worshiping because I love God — or simply because I am following a familiar routine?



ABOUT THIS SAGA

Hannah had a sorrow she could not fix. She did not put on a show. She wept, and she prayed, and she poured out her soul before the Lord. She left her burden with God, and her face was changed.

This is the third saga. It is worship in spirit: not a routine, but a soul poured out.

This book is Saga 3 of 10 from "Worshiping the Father in Spirit and in Truth." Each saga also has its own book, and all ten sagas stand together in the full book.

"I have poured out my soul before the LORD."

— 1 SAMUEL 1:15 (KJV)

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