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When God Sends a Baby

**QUESTIONS**

How is Hannah’s vow (1Samuel 1:10-11) different than Jephthah’s (Judges 11:29-31)?

Why does Jephthah’s vow ‘make him miserable’? Why does Hannah find joy in her vow?

How is the Bible reminding us that having one spouse (only) is the ideal (1 Sam 1:6)? In 1 Samuel 1:6, why might the same Hebrew word be translated *concubine*, *second wife*, *rival-wife*, or *vexer*?

What is Elkanah missing when he asks, “Am I not better to you than ten sons (1 Sam 1:8)?”

Why does Hannah’s Song (1 Sam 2:1-10) end up being echoed in Isaiah 54, Psalm 113, and Mary’s Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)? What is God up to??

What has God done in and through you, despite (or because of) your weakness (1 Cor 1:26-31)?