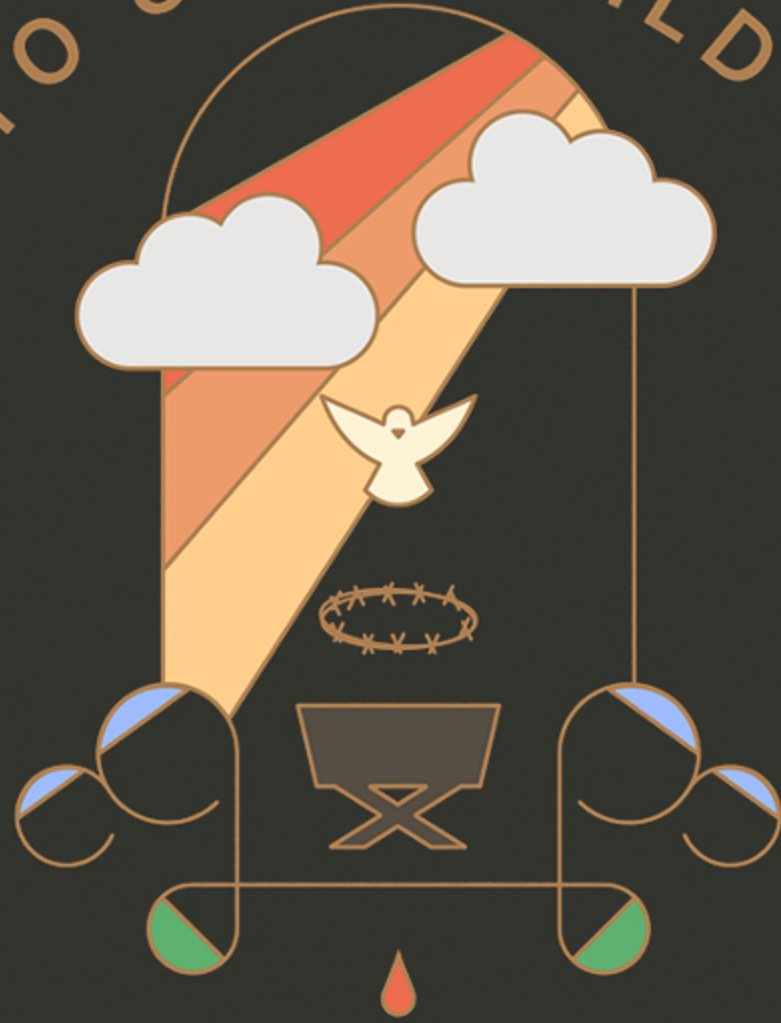


FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN



**For unto us a Child is born,**


**Unto us a Son is given;**

Isaiah 9:6a NKJV



# I. The story of the birth of Samuel.






**<sup>9</sup> Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house. <sup>10</sup> In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord,**

1 Samuel 1:9-11 NIV






**weeping bitterly. <sup>11</sup> And she made a  
vow, saying, “Lord Almighty, if you will only  
look on your servant’s misery and  
remember me, and not forget your servant but  
give her a son, then I will give him to  
the Lord for all the days of his life, and no  
razor will ever be used on his head.”**




1 Samuel 1:9-11 NIV



**<sup>12</sup> As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup> Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk <sup>14</sup> and said to her, “How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine.”**

1 Samuel 1:12-17 NIV






**15 “Not so, my lord,” Hannah replied, “I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. <sup>16</sup> Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.”**

1 Samuel 1:12-17 NIV






**<sup>17</sup> Eli answered, “Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.”**




1 Samuel 1:12-17 NIV







**19** Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. **20** So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, “Because I asked the Lord for him.”




1 Samuel 1:19-20 NIV



**<sup>24</sup> When the child was weaned, Hannah took him to the Tabernacle in Shiloh. They brought along a three-year-old bull for the sacrifice and a basket of flour and some wine. <sup>25</sup> After sacrificing the bull, they brought the boy to Eli. <sup>26</sup> “Sir, do you**



1 Samuel 1:24-28 NLT



**remember me?" Hannah asked. "I am the very woman who stood here several years ago praying to the Lord. <sup>27</sup> I asked the Lord to give me this boy, and he has granted my request. <sup>28</sup> Now I am giving him to the Lord, and he will belong to the Lord his whole life." And they worshiped the Lord there.**

1 Samuel 1:24-28 NLT






**<sup>18</sup> But Samuel, though he was only a boy, served the Lord. He wore a linen garment like that of a priest. <sup>19</sup> Each year his mother made a small coat for him and brought it to him when she came with her husband for**

1 Samuel 2:18-21 NLT





**the sacrifice. <sup>20</sup> Before they returned home, Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and say, "May the Lord give you other children to take the place of this one she gave to the Lord." <sup>21</sup> And the Lord blessed Hannah, and she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, Samuel grew up in the presence of the Lord.**


1 Samuel 2:18-21 NLT



**II. The birth of Samuel shows us  
that we cannot out give God.**



## God gives to Hannah




**<sup>27</sup> I asked the Lord to give me this boy, and he has granted my request.**

1 Samuel 1:27 NLT



## Hannah gives back to God




28 “Now I am giving him to the Lord, and he will belong to the Lord his whole life.”

1 Samuel 1:28 NLT






## God gives to Hannah



**<sup>21</sup>And the Lord blessed Hannah,  
and she conceived and gave birth  
to three sons and two daughters.**

1 Samuel 2:21 NLT





**<sup>6</sup> Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. <sup>7</sup> You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure.**

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 NLT





**“For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.”<sup>8</sup> And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.**

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 NLT





**“God is the greatest giver in the universe, and He won’t let you out give Him.”**

**– Randy Alcorn**


### III. What can we learn from the birth of Samuel?





We can trust the generosity  
of our God.





**10 “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!”**

Malachi 3:10 NLT





**<sup>38</sup> Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.**

Luke 6:38 NLT

