

Week 18  
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**Transforming Daily**  
**“ . . . *even the barren has borne seven . . .*”**  
*1 Samuel 2:5*

Samuel's mother takes this opportunity to praise God for His sovereign activity in the lives of mankind. In particular, she praises Him for giving her a son, Samuel. From chapter one, the reader gathers that Hannah was distressed over having no children especially a male child (v.8, 11). However, her prayers are answered and the result is a prophet, priest and king anointer, Samuel.

My brother and I often torment our mother by claiming that each of us from the others' point of view is our mother's favorite child. Sometimes my brother and I will gang up and claim that our sister is our mother's favorite child, and that really gets her dander up. She gets all worked up, her voice raises, and flustered she says, "All three of you are my favorite children."

The prayers' of a mother are strong enough to change the course of history. I'm certain that through a mother's prayers, by the grace of God, her children have come to faith, remain steadfast in the faith and in some cases have rededicated themselves to the faith. Spouses for her children are found. The right schools for her children to attend are discovered. Wars are shortened; and as much as a mother has to do with it, her children, or the children of other mothers, return home from battle. And when diseases are cured and tragedies overcome, we'll find when we get to heaven that a mother's prayers aided in the outcome.

Not everyone, for one reason or another, has a good experience with their mother. But you can be certain that God sees to it that a "mother" somewhere is involved in your life, whether you know it or not. If you were or are an individual who missed or is missing the presence of a mother, won't you consider making the difference for others who might have missed or are missing their mothers? How can you make a difference? You can make a difference through prayer.

For those of us who had or have a great experience to reflect on regarding our mothers, give God the praise. Know that even the barren has borne seven children by the grace of God.