

A wooden bench with horizontal slats and metal legs sits on a paved surface in front of a dense green hedge. The text 'MEETING WITH GOD' is overlaid on the hedge in large white letters, with a horizontal line above 'MEETING' and a horizontal line below 'GOD'.

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**Meeting
with God**

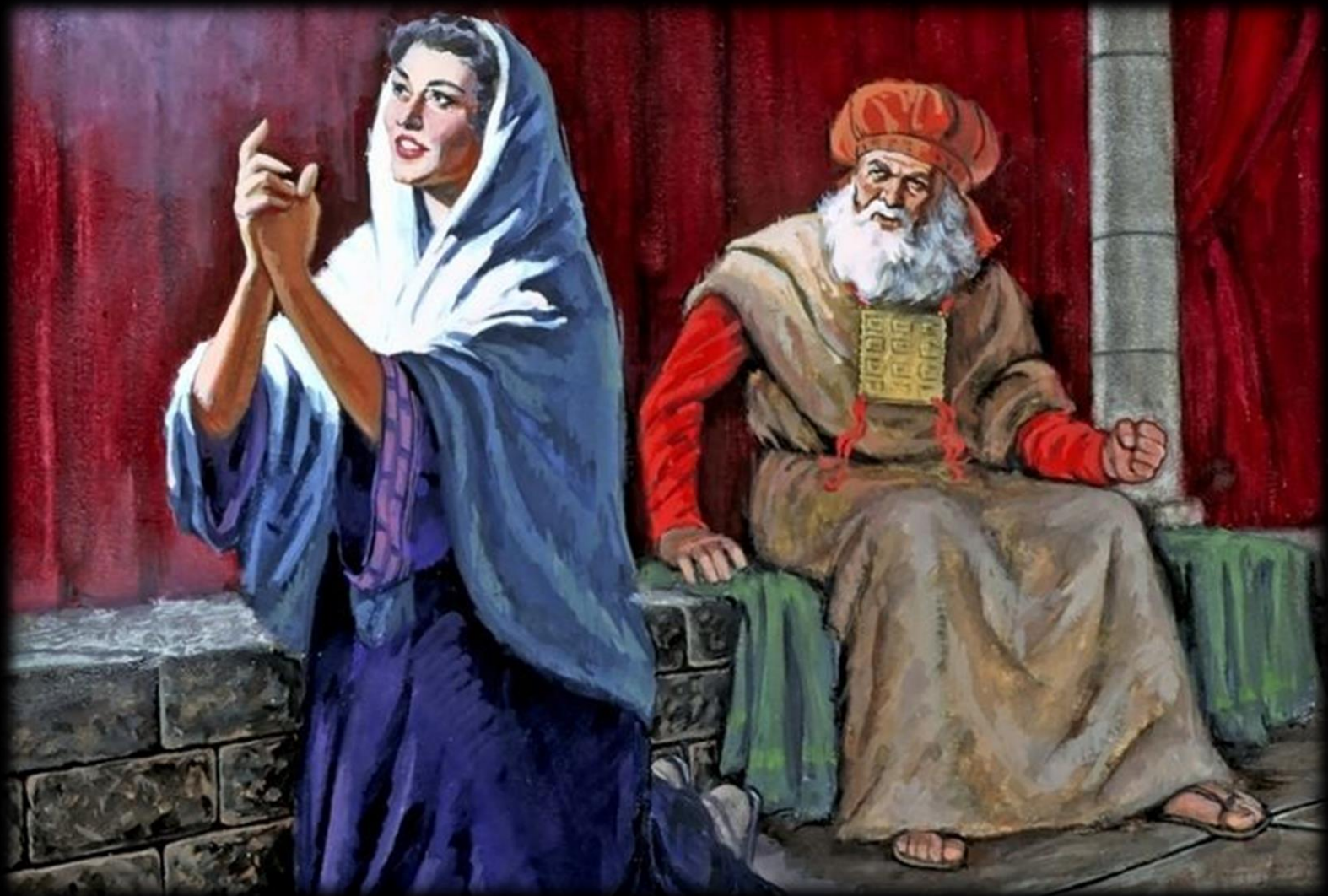
Part 4

Two Meetings with God...

Hannah... A person of sorrow and hurt

Samuel... A person of promise and
hope

Hannah... A person of sorrow and hurt



1 Samuel 1:6-17 NIV

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1 Samuel 1:6-17 NIV

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Why don’t you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don’t I mean more to you than ten sons?”

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9 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. 10 In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly.

1 Samuel 1:6-17 NIV

11 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 1:6-17 NIV

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

Meeting with God in prayer!

Hannah

An illustration of a woman, Hannah, in a state of deep prayer. She is shown from the chest up, wearing a white headscarf and a white robe with a red sash. Her hands are clasped together in front of her face, and a single tear is visible on her cheek. She is looking down with a sorrowful expression. The background is a dimly lit interior with stone arches and columns. A single lit candle sits on the floor in the lower left, casting a warm glow. The word 'Hannah' is written in a large, white, elegant script across the center of the image.

When will the
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God hears the voice of the soul



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The settled soul

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1 Samuel 1:18

New International Version

18 She said, “May your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

Philippians 4:19-20

New Century Version

19 My God will use his wonderful riches in Christ Jesus to give you everything you need. 20 Glory to our God and Father forever and ever! Amen.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture, resting on an open book. The hands are positioned in the upper right quadrant of the frame. The book is open, with its pages visible, and is placed on a wooden surface. The background is softly blurred, showing a window with light streaming in. The word "FAITH" is overlaid in large, white, serif capital letters across the bottom half of the image.

FAITH

God Met Her Need!



A person is sitting on a grey couch, reading an open Bible. They are wearing a light blue button-down shirt and dark pants. Their right hand is resting on the right page of the Bible. The background is a solid teal color. The text "WHY SHOULD I SPEND TIME ALONE WITH GOD?" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

**WHY SHOULD I SPEND
TIME ALONE WITH GOD?**

The Presence of God

It's crucial for us to cultivate an awareness of God's presence in our lives. Whether we are enjoying a beautiful sunrise or facing tough challenges, He is close by, waiting to meet us within those experiences.

When we think about meeting God, it often starts with a calling. God invites each of us into a relationship, and it's up to us to respond. Feeling that tug on our heartstrings means He is ready for us to draw nearer. Through His love and grace, we're assured of His welcoming spirit, pushing us to spend more time in His presence, letting us know that we are desired and cherished.

The Presence of God

Feeling God's presence is a vital aspect of our spiritual journey. This presence isn't just about searching for Him in grand places; He meets us in the ordinary and the daily. When we consciously invite Him into every moment, we begin to recognize that He is with us.

<https://biblestudyforyou.com/bible-verses-about-meeting-god/>

Psalm 34:18 NIV

18 The Lord is close to the
brokenhearted
and saves those who are
crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:18 The Message

18 If your heart is broken,
you'll find God right there;
if you're kicked in the gut,
he'll help you catch your
breath.

Psalm 34:18

Modern English Version

18 The Lord is near to the
broken-hearted,
and saves the contrite of
spirit.

Let's answer this important
question...

How long has it been?