

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, enclosed in quotation marks with horizontal lines.

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GOD
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**Meeting
with God**

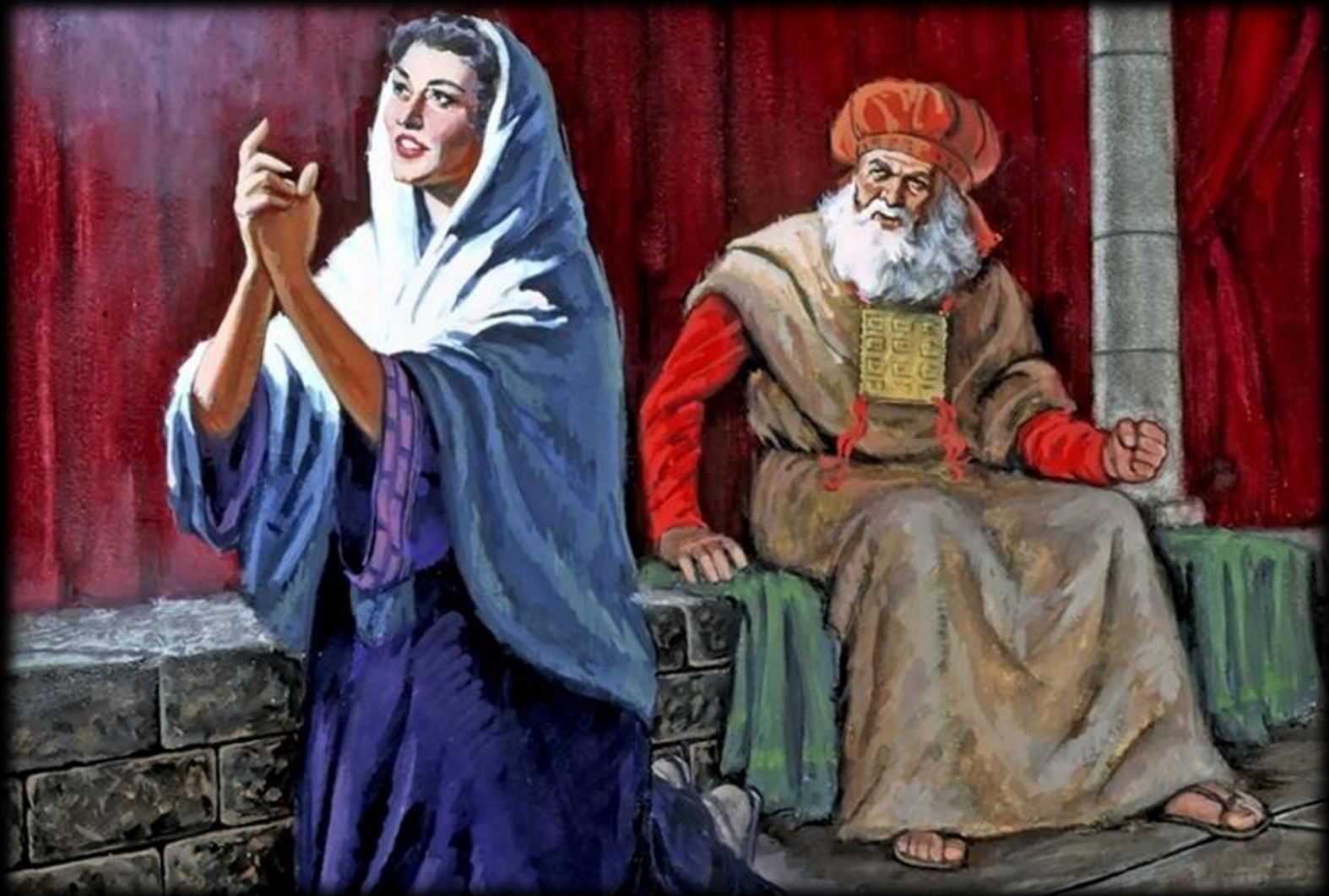
Part 5

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

6 Because the Lord had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her.

7 This went on year after year.

Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the Lord, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat.

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 pensive 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 name 'Hannah' is written in a large, white, elegant script across the center of the image.

God hears the voice of the soul



The settled soul

Psalm 34:18 NIV

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

Hebrews 4:14-16 NIV

Jesus the Great High Priest

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Hebrews 4:16 NIV

16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

God Met Her Need!



Meeting with God...

Samuel... A person of
promise and hope

1 Samuel 3:1-10 NIV

The Lord Calls Samuel

1 The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

2 One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. 3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, “Here I am.”

1 Samuel 3:1-10 NIV

5 And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down.

6 Again the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” “My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

1 Samuel 3:1-10 NIV

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord:
The word of the Lord had not yet been
revealed to him.

8 A third time the Lord called, “Samuel!”
And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said,
“Here I am; you called me.” Then Eli realized
that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 So Eli
told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he
calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant
is listening.’”

1 Samuel 3:1-10 NIV

So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Meeting with God...

Samuel... A person that
listened to God

What are you saying
Lord?

Hearing the voice of
the Lord

Discerning God's Voice

The Word and the Spirit

Hebrews 1:1-4 NIV

God's Final Word: His Son

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Hebrews 3:7-8 NIV

7 So, as the Holy Spirit says:
“Today, if you hear his voice,
8 do not harden your hearts
as you did in the rebellion,
during the time of testing in the
wilderness,

Psalm 19:1-4 NIV

1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

2 Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

3 They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for
the sun.

Ephesians 1:3 NIV

Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

John 16:13 NIV

13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Ephesians 4:14-16 NIV

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Hearing the voice of the
Lord means obeying it!

Speaking the truth
to Eli



FAITH

Cultivate a
Listening Heart

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.

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What are you saying
Lord?