





1 Samuel 1:21-28

Extraordinary dedication...


- A deep, lasting, costly gift
(v21) (v22) (v24)



...comes from deep recognition

- of the wonder of God's presence (v22)
- of the wonder of God's plans (v23)

The question for us is....
Have we seen how wonderful the
God of the Bible is?



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Highly recommended biographical talk referred to in the sermon...
<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/you-will-be-eaten-by-cannibals-lessons-from-the-life-of-john-g-paton>

Dig Deeper Questions for 1 Samuel 1:21-28...

As we look at 1 Samuel this term, you might like to read ahead (or listen to the audiobible at www.biblegateway.com/audio/suchet/nivuk/1Sam.1)

- 1) **Recap the story so far in chapter 1. What impresses you about Hannah's dedication? Explore the roots of this dedication in the passage.**
- 2) **"Greater devotion to the Lord will never be found through trying harder, but by a deep recognition of who God is". Are there areas of your life where you see lukewarmness creeping in (Rev 3:14-22)? What do you think is the antidote?**
- 3) **[(if time) How does the story of Mary in John 12:1-11 compare with the Hannah? And contrast with Judas? What does each person's actions tell you about what they are thinking? How will that affect your prayers?]**
- 4) **How has this chapter given you a new perspective on the joys and sorrows in your life? Are there any concrete ways you can respond?**

Suggestion for prayer for you and your friends: Ephesians 3:14-21.