

1 Samuel 1:1-2:11

1. "Revenge is a wonderful thing"

- a) Look back over chapter 1. How has Hannah been 'saved'?

- b) Which lines from Hannah's prayer make particular sense in light of her individual story?

2. Our God saves through great reversals

- a) How do you feel about asking God to save / judge / avenge / bring justice?

- b) Verse 10 introduces God's anointed king. What might we expect him to be like based on the way God works (through great reversals)?

- c) We won't always get to experience the salvation we'd like in our immediate individual stories. Should we still pray for it? How does it help in your own 'distress' to remember the bigger story?

- d) Better to be lowly / needy / empty / wronged than proud / powerful / full / doing wrong. What makes it hard to believe this? How does the passage help you?