

Power of Praise, part 4: More to Be Desired

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2 Corinthians 10:5 “... bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”

Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Judges 21:24-25 (ESV)

Psalms 19:7-11 (ESV) More to be DESIRED

- Desire is intense, akin to lust or coveting; do we have desire for the word of God?
- **How do we get there?** How can God’s word take our disobedient thoughts captive?

You have to want it!

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active; effective and powerful

John 15:7 (ESV) If you abide in me, and my words abide in you = Mutual abiding

1 Samuel 1 – Elkanah, Hannah & Peninnah

Hannah had a **problem**. She **prayed** and God **promised**.

Hannah **praised** the Lord, both for the promise anticipated and the promise fulfilled.

The **process**: Problem > Prayer > Promise > Praise

1. **Problem**: Our response to a problem is prayer (or least it should be).
2. **Prayer**: God’s response to our prayer is to reveal a promise.
3. **Promise**: Our response to the revelation of God’s promise – revealed or fulfilled – is praise.
4. **Praise**: Praise is *always* a response to the promise of God.

All praise is in response to God’s promises, either revealed (anticipated) or fulfilled.

1 Samuel 2:1-2 Then Hannah PRAYED and said:
“My heart rejoices in the Lord... there is no Rock like our God.”

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