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Lesson 20: "All the City . . . Doth Know That Thou Art a Virtuous Woman"

Questions to Ponder

Are You:

- Having Family Home Evening?
- Saying Individual Prayers Every Day?
- Being Patient, Christlike, and Loving?

Today's Scriptures

Ruth
1 Samuel 1



- How can we show greater loyalty in our families?
- In what ways do you think Ruth was a heroine?
- Like Hannah, we often have to wait for the Lord's blessings. How can we be more patient in doing so?

Biblical Women with Faith, Hope, and Charity

"Hannah and Ruth possessed not only great faith but also hope. We learn from Mormon as recorded in Moroni that "if a man have faith he must needs have hope; for without faith there cannot be any hope" (Moro. 7:42). When the life circumstances of these women were changed, they had hope that the Lord would provide guidance and strength.

Hannah, unable to have children, turned to the Lord in the temple and "poured out [her] soul before" Him (1 Sam 1: 15). When the life circumstances of these women were changed, they had hope that the Lord would provide guidance and strength.

Ruth looked to the Lord with hope for her future. When she lost her husband, she experienced the feelings of loneliness that her mother-in-law, Naomi, had borne when her own husband had died. Ruth's compassion and faithfulness to Naomi are demonstrated in some of the most beautiful words ever uttered: "Intreat me not to leave thee, for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God" (Ruth 1:16).

Ruth loved the Lord, and her faith and hope in Him were strong. Neither she nor Hannah gave up their

hope. Rather, it sustained them in their trials.

These two women possessed not only the qualities of faith and hope but also devotion and sacrifice. These Christlike qualities are among the fruits of charity. Hannah and Ruth loved the Lord, and they loved his children. They were willing to put their desires and futures aside to do what was right. Each of these women made a commitment to the Lord based on her faith and her hope in His goodness and mercy" (Elaine S. Dalton, Lessons from the Old Testament: Lessons from Ruth and Hannah," *Ensign*, April 2006, 34).



Hannah Dedicates Her Son Samuel to the Lord and brings him to Eli at the Temple

Next Week

Lesson 21:

"God Will Honor Those Who Honor Him"

1 Samuel 2:3; 8

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