

NONE LIKE HIM: THE GOD OF PRAYER! 1 SAM. 2:1-10

1 Samuel 2:1 And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. **1 Samuel 2:2** There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: **neither is there any rock like our God.**

You have come to the right place! There is none like Him! The God of Prayer!

I. He does know all things!

1 Samuel 2:3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: **for the LORD is a God of knowledge,** and by him actions are weighed.

Definition of God's knowledge:

God knows all things

Past, present, and future

Both possible and actual

1 Kings 8:39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, **whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;)**

Psalm 44:21 Shall not God search this out? **for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.**

Psalm 94:7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it. **Psalm 94:8** Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise? **Psalm 94:9** He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see? **Psalm 94:10** He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know? **Psalm 94:11** The LORD knoweth the **thoughts of man**, that they are vanity.

Psalm 147:5 Great is our Lord, and of great power: **his understanding is infinite.**

Daniel 2:20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: **Daniel 2:21** And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: **he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: Daniel 2:22** He revealeth the deep and secret things: **he knoweth what is in the darkness**, and the light dwelleth with him. **Daniel 2:23** I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

Suffering of any kind is inherently isolated & isolating

Many, maybe most, don't know

Many, maybe most, don't care / can't care

Many won't empathize / sympathize

Few can help

But God...!

II. He will set things right!

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1 Samuel 2:9 He will keep the feet of his saints, **and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.**

1 Samuel 2:10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; **out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth;** and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

Romans 12:17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. **Romans 12:18** If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. **Romans 12:19** Dearly beloved, **avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.**

Deuteronomy 32:35 To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

1 Corinthians 15:24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. **1 Corinthians 15:25** For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. **1 Corinthians 15:26** The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. **1 Corinthians 15:27** For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. **1 Corinthians 15:28** And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

III. He can turn things up-side-down / right-side-up

1 Samuel 2:4 The bows of the mighty men are broken, **and** they that stumbled are girded with strength. **1 Samuel 2:5** They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; **and** they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; **and** she that hath many children is waxed feeble. **1 Samuel 2:6** The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. **1 Samuel 2:7** The LORD maketh poor, **and** maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. **1 Samuel 2:8** He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory....

Prayer is tough for all believers. We tend to pray / act like a pendulum:

Pessimism-----optimism-----nearly name & claim it

Deuteronomy 32:39 See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. **Deuteronomy 32:40** For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. **Deuteronomy 32:41** If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. **Deuteronomy 32:42** I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.

The one characteristic that I never thought of and the one I cannot change: the person stuck with no options / possibilities

God can ≠ God will

However, all prayer is based on the fundamental assumption that God can!!!

1 Samuel 1:5 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: **but the LORD had shut up her womb.** **1 Samuel 1:6** And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, **because the LORD had shut up her womb.**

1 Samuel 1:9 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD. **1 Samuel 1:10** And she was in bitterness of soul, **and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.** **1 Samuel 1:11** **And she vowed a vow,** and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

1 Samuel 2:5 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: **so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble.**

1 Samuel 2:21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters....

IV. He shall keep things safe!

1 Samuel 2:8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: **for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them.** **1 Samuel 2:9** **He will keep the feet of his saints,** and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

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