

Read the background

1 Samuel 1:10-11 (NIV)

¹⁰ In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD. ¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

Discuss

How would you feel sending off a young boy to live in the Temple with the priest and his two crooked sons?



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- How would you feel if you were the son being sent off to live and study in the Temple with the priest?
- As a parent, how would you know this was the right thing to do?

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- What do you know about the story to realize that it all turned out to be a good thing for both Samuel and for the nation of Israel?
- Where does God sometimes call parents to send or release their adult children to go? Why is that hard, even though the children are grown up?



