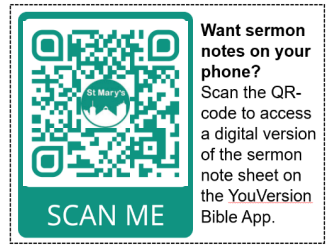


1 Samuel 1-3

1. God exalts **Hannah** in answer to **her** misery (1:1–2:11)



2. God exalts **Samuel** in answer to the **nation's** misery (2:12–4:1)

3. God exalts **Jesus** in answer to **our** misery

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

Luke 1:50–52

Questions for reflection:

1. How does seeing Hannah's experience encourage me to trust the Lord in all things?
2. How does understanding that "The LORD brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up" (2:6) encourage me?
3. Where am I tempted to doubt the Lord's power to work today and how does this passage help address that?

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