Prayer ARTIS LOVE NEPC SERMON SERIES SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

Sermon Title: "The Promise of Prayer" (#5 in the Sermon Series)

Scripture text: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Main Points:

- 1. God Is a Liberating King
- 2. God Exalts the Humble
- 3. God Will Put an End to Evil

Questions:

- 1. Ice Breaker Question Do pineapples belong on pizza?
- 2. **Transition Question** Do you think that lack of trust in God is hindering a lot of Christians' prayer life?
- 3. **Observation Question** Hannah deeply longed for a child, yet, after receiving the child, she gave him to the Lord. Here in her Prayer, she exalts the Lord and rejoices in his salvation, not in the gift of a child. Have you ever asked for something only later to realize it was the Lord that you truly desired?
- 4. Interpretation Question At the end of Hannah's prayer, she speaks of God providing and strengthening a king. Does knowing that God would give up his son just like Hannah did help you to trust God's character more?
- 5. Reflection Question How has Hannah's prayer influenced your own approach to praying?
- 6. **Application Question** God has an ultimate answer to all our pain, sadness, grief, injustice, etc. He will deal with evil. Older saints: How can you encourage and come alongside the younger saints in the church to trust God in a fallen world? Younger saints: how can you reach out and care well for older saints?

