

WAITING FOR AN ANSWER

Read: 1 Samuel 1: 10-20

Do you know what it means to be bitter? A bitter person is very unhappy and angry. Hannah, the lady in our Bible story was bitter. It means that she wanted something so badly that she couldn't think of anything else. She prayed for God to give her a baby, and when it didn't happen right away, she got mad at God.



God promises that He will always hear our prayers, but He doesn't promise that He will always give us what we want right away. Sometimes God's answer is "No," and sometimes it is "Wait a while." God asked Hannah to wait for a while for her baby. She was not very patient and that is why she got bitter. She finally did have a little boy, and then she was very happy, but she could have pleased God more and had a much more cheerful life if she had been patient and not bitter.

Life Application: When you pray to God and ask him for something, remember that He may want you to wait a while before He gives you the answer. Keep trusting that God knows what is best for you and be patient. You will be happier and God will be pleased with you if you don't become bitter.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, Please help me to be patient when I am waiting for an answer to my prayer. Thank you for listening and always doing what is best for me. Amen

Memory Verse: Wait for the Lord.