Sermon Title: "THE POWER OF PERSISTENCE" Date: May 12, 2024 - 1 Samuel 1:1-18

Central Idea: God rewards persistence and faith in His loyal followers. Are you persistent in prayer and faith?

Introduction:

Samuel's birth is a turning point in Israel's history. Though the sovereign Lord may allow His people to endure trials and even oppression, He is just and will eventually deliver them from distress when they cry out to Him for vindication.

- I. Hannah's Problem, vv. 1-8
 - 1. Potential
 - 2. Security
 - 3. Survival
 - 4. Grace
- II. Hannah's Prayer, vv. 9-18
 - 1. Sincere
 - 2. Specific
 - 3. Sacrificial

Conclusion: 2

God in His compassion puts a light at the end of the tunnel, no matter how dark and terrifying that tunnel may be. God in His justice delivers those who trust Him. Prayer changed the course of Hannah's life and impacted an entire nation. God also blessed Hannah with many other children, proving once again His delight in the faith and persistence of His people.