

WHO'S IN CHARGE OF YOUR LIFE?

As spiritually advancing believers, we can learn from Hannah's struggle between her unfulfilled expectation and the fulfillment of directive will of God in her life. This became a struggle regarding **who's in Charge in her life?**

We will begin by examining our lesson text by five homiletic points of **who's in charge in your life?**

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| • Dining out | (1:9) | Family | Eating and drinking at Shiloh |
| • Depression | (1:10-11) | Frustrated | Affliction of barren (James 1:2-4; 1 Pet.1:6-7) |
| • Disillusioned | (1:12-16) | Feelings | Oppressed in spirit (1 Pet.4:12-13) |
| • Delight | (1:17-18) | Faith-rest | Favor in Your sight (Prov.14:30; Phil.4:4, 6-7) |
| • Directive will | (1:19-20) | Fulfilled | Lord remembered her (John 4:24) |

This lesson will study four aspects of who's in charge in your life?

1. Your inter-dialogue is a big clue to who's in charge in your life: you or Christ.

'I' verses Christ:

(Gal.2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live but Christ lives in me; and the **life which I now live** in the flesh **I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.**" **NOTE:** 7 times, NO LONGER - I or me! New Man Divine Viewpoint (NMDV)

Is your inter-dialogue speaking the truth of word of God or something else? If it something else, it is lies of devil (cosmos diabolicus) (CD).

Cosmos Diabolicus Thinking:

(John 8:44-45) "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because **I speak the truth, you do not believe me.**"

(John 14:6) "I am the way and **the truth**, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

2. What you tell yourself as truth determines who's in charge. Who's in charge of your life?

Eve is an example of the struggle spiritually advancing believers can experience between cosmos diabolicus lies and divine viewpoint truth. **Who's in charge of your life Eve?**

Divine viewpoint truth	(Gen.2:17)	Truth and consequences	Don't eat and live!
Cosmos Diabolicus lies	(Gen.3:1-5)	Lie and consequences	Do eat and live!

Inter-dialogue (Gen.3:6) – Truth or lies which did she chose? Her choice determined who was in charge of her life (Gen.3:7-11, 21-24; 2 Cor.11:3; 1 Tim.2:14).

3. What Hanna is telling herself about herself and her life is causing her to become depressed.

Listen to how she describes herself in her present situation from our lesson text: won't eat, sad, distressed, weeping bitterly, afflicted, oppressed spirit, not worthless, great concern and provocation.

Two parts of inter-dialogue that are positive will be important in her recover because they are truth" "not worthless and doctrinal prayer. **This turning from talking to self to talking to Lord is big deal!**

(1 Sam.1:13) "As for Hanna, she was speaking in her heart, only her lips were moving, but her voice was not heard. So, Eli thought she was drunk."

It took someone to challenge her beliefs and behavior to reset her mind to the Lord (1 Sam.1:14-16).

(1 Sam.1:15b) "I have poured my soul before the Lord."

If she prays according to the will of God (1 John 5:14-15), she has access to the **absolute resolution** to her problems ("Is anything too difficult for the Lord?" Gen.18:14).

(1 Sam.1:17-18) "Then Eli answered and said, '**Go (yalak/ qal impv) in peace**; and may the God Israel grant your petition that you have asked of Him.' She said, '**Let your maidservant find favor in your sight.**' So, the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad."

Who's in charge of your life Hanna?

4. We have asked Eve and Hanna, "who's in charge of your life? Now I want to ask a spiritual mature male believer this same question in Matt.16:21-23 (Peter).

Who's in charge of your life _____? It will be either **I (OMCD) or Christ (NMDV)** (Gal.2:20).

- **Subject** of Bible study (Matt.16:21)
 - Clarity of word of God
- **Set mind** (Matt.16:22-23)
 - Confused over the word of God
- **Stumbling block** (Matt.16:23)
 - Cosmos Diabolicus (I) of man's interest over God's [Christ] (Gal.2:20).

"Who's in charge of Peter life?" _____

"And why?" _____

Who's in charge of your _____ life? (2 Cor.10:7) (read)

"And why?" _____

(Eph.5:17) "So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of God is."