

1 SAMUEL 2:1-36

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HANNAH AND ELI'S SONS

OUTLINE

- ▶ Hannah's Prayer - "Unreasonable"
- ▶ Eli's sons - Contempt for the Offering
- ▶ Hannah's First fruits - Surrender and the Gospel



HANNAH'S PRAYER

- ▶ Do you judge your circumstances based on "the way things usually are"
- ▶ 2:2 "There is no rock like our God"
- ▶ 2:3 "by him actions are weighed"
- ▶ Hannah's first prayer is "unnatural"
- ▶ Hannah's second prayer is about the "unexpected"



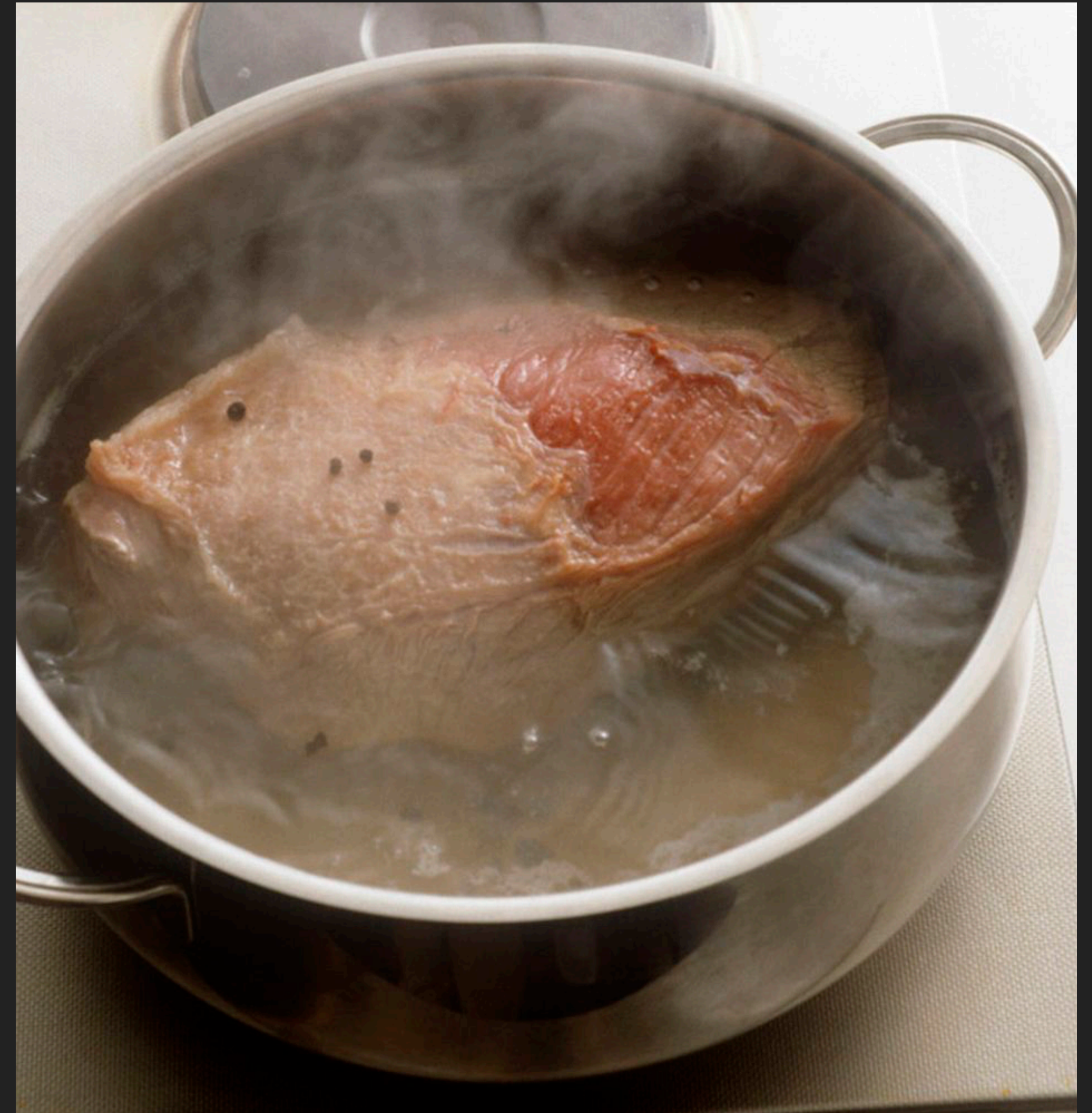
HANNAH'S PRAYER

- ▶ 2:9-10 "not by might shall a man prevail"
"The Lord will judge the ends of the earth"
- ▶ Analyzing how to work the system to our benefit is futile.
- ▶ Matt 6:33 "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you."



ELI'S SON'S CONTEMPT FOR THE OFFERING

- ▶ Leviticus 3:17 "that you eat either fat nor blood" Fat was to be burned.
- ▶ Eli's sons demanded the meat raw. For preserving it for later and roasting.
- ▶ No respect for the offering. No thought of giving God his due



ELI'S SONS CONTEMPT FOR THE OFFERING

- ▶ Something for the Lord...devoted to ourselves!
- ▶ Church for pride
- ▶ Camp for fun
- ▶ Work for money
- ▶ Money for pleasure and security
- ▶ Knowledge for pride
- ▶ Obedience for peace



HANNAH'S FIRST FRUITS

- ▶ Deut 26:2 The first and the best, trusting God to provide everything else.
- ▶ Hannah did not give out of abundance or even "the best of the children"
- ▶ She gave before she received!
1 Sam 1:11



HANNAH'S FIRST FRUITS

- ▶ She entrusted Samuel and other children wholly to the Lord. 1 Sam 2:20
- ▶ ...not to Eli or his sons
- ▶ 1:28, 2:11, 18, 21, 26. "Ministering to the Lord" "In the presence of the Lord"
- ▶ Firstfruits of our Children, Money, Time



YOUR FIRST FRUITS

- ▶ God desires your worship, not contempt.
- ▶ ...your submission, nothing withheld
- ▶ Eli's sons withheld what was God's and received judgement
- ▶ Hannah gave God what was his and received 5 fold.

