

VOL. 1- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

TOPIC 2- CHILD-BEARING AS A SPIRITUAL STATEMENT

Scripture Passage: 1 Samuel 1:5, Psalm 127

I. Recap:

A. Child-Bearing as a Spiritual Statement

1. For a woman to have a child, it means that God has ______ her.

a) Luke 1:28- "Hail thou that art highly ______. The Lord is with thee."

b) Notes:

2. The Lord ______ the womb of Hannah (1 Sam 1:5).

a) Food for Thought: Does God favor Hannah?

b) Notes:



II. Case Studies

A. Hypothesis:

1. _____ = _____

2. How do we know?

a) Psalm 127:3- "Children are a _____

_____, the fruit of the womb a

b) Definition: <u>Heritage</u>

B. Case Study 1: Sarah

- 1. Genesis 11:30- "Now Sarai was _____; she had no children."
- Genesis 18:14- "Is there anything ______ for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time ______, and Sarah shall have "
- 3. Observations:



C. Case Study 2: Rebekah

1. Genesis 25:21- "And Isaac prayed to the Lord

_____, because she was barren. And the Lord ______ his prayer and Rebekah

his wife _____."

2. Observations:

D. Case Study 3: Leah

1. Genesis 29:31- "When the Lord saw that Leah was

_____, he _____ her womb, but

_____ was barren."

2. Observations:



E. Case Study 4: Rachel

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Genesis 30:22-23- "Then God	1	
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G. Case Study 6: Mary

- Lule 1:30-31,35- "Do not be ______ Mary; you have found ______ with God. You will ______ and _____ to a son, and you are to call him ______ to a son, and you are to call him ______. [...] The ______ will come upon you and the ______ of the Most High will ______ of the Most High will ______ you. So the holy one to be born will be called the ______."
- 2. Observations:



H. Case Study Analysis:

1. What is the common thread in all of these cases?

	2.	God is an	in the
			of children.
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- C. We fall short in thinking that procreation is achievable by
 - 1. Notes:
- D. Psalm 127:1-2- "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who built it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep."
 - 1. Notes:

IV. Reflection Questions

- A. Is Hannah favored by God? How do we reconcile the fact that God closed her womb?
 - 1. Reflections:



- B. Conception requires divine intervention. What does that mean for us on a spiritual level?
 - 1. Reflections:

V. Takeaway

A. God's favor is seen not just in physical childbearing, but in the fruitfulness of all aspects of our lives.





VI. Journal Prompt

- A. Today we talked about many women who were barren until God intervened. What are some conditions in your life that you would consider "barren"?
- B. Childbearing is a spiritual statement of God's favor, but God's favor can be seen in the fruitfulness of other areas in our lives.
 How has God allowed you to be fruitful in your life?



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