

15 Mar 2015: Preached by Preacher Clement Chew
Topic: A Study of 1 Samuel: Remember our vows
Scripture Text: 1 Samuel 1:19-28; 2:18-21

1. The Bible tells us to treat our vow and oath seriously to keep them. A vow is made personally to God while an oath is a declaration to God made before people. The teaching in Matt 5:33-37 by Jesus is not that we cannot make an oath but we must be careful what we say to God. Our vows and oaths must never be against the Word of God.
2. In Samuel 1, we note that Hannah remembered her vow to God as God gave her a man child. The basis of remembering her vow is because of God's goodness. God remembered Hannah and answered her prayer.
3. Hannah was committed to keep her vow before God. She first weaned Samuel to be physically and spiritually strong and then gave him fulltime to serve the Lord in the Temple. Hannah even visited Samuel yearly to give him a coat which reminded Samuel of his calling to serve God.
4. Samuel is indeed the son of his mother's vow as he lived for God in the midst of spiritual apostasy and decline in his days in Israel. God honoured Hannah even as Hannah honoured the Lord by giving her 3 more sons and 2 daughters.
5. We must not take our vows and oaths for granted. God will not hold us guiltless. We made our church membership vow, marriage vow and as parents we made our vows to the Lord in our child's infant baptism to bring him/her up in the fear of God. Let us keep our vows by the grace of God.