

Tonight's

passage – **1 Samuel 1.1-8**

theme – **Bought by God!**



'We are bought with a price – we are not our own'. That's how the Bible describes believers – Jesus 'bought' us and made us His own by His death on the cross. Find the symbol below on each page of the worksheet.,

What's wrong with this picture?

If you look closely at the picture you'll see that there's something in the picture that's not as it should be.

Can you work out what's wrong in the picture?

The answer's at the bottom of the back page
(no cheating!)



The book of 1 Samuel starts by telling us about a man called Elkanah.

Like the picture above on first sight everything about him looks good. But (like the picture above) when you look closely you'll see that there's something wrong!

That's what we're going to look at in this worksheet – and by seeing what's wrong you'll hopefully be able to learn what we're meant to be like!



Elkanah

Colour in the man's name!



hope



Read 1 Samuel 1 verse 1

There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was **Elkanah** son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.

Names have meanings!

Most names have a meaning. *Your* name probably means something as well!

Elkanah's name means "**purchased by God**" – and that's what's true of all those who trust in Jesus!

We've been 'purchased' or 'bought' by God through what Jesus did for us when He died on the cross.

If he was living up to his name, then Elkanah would show us how we should be living as those who have been 'bought by God'.

But there's something wrong with the picture we're given here of this man Elkanah. He's not the real deal!

living in
the past

living in
hope

Fill in the names of Elkanah's family –

Father

Grandfather

Great grandfather

Great-great grandfather

Tribe E _ _ _ _ M

Elkanah is described here in terms of his *past*.

That's the first thing 'wrong' about the picture which we're given of this man. He's looking (and living) in the wrong direction!

When we trust in Jesus He means us not to be living in the past, but to be looking forwards.

And looking forwards with real **hope**, because we know that Jesus has great plans for us.



faith

Being 'religious' isn't what matters!

Elkanah was 'religious', for sure.

He 'went to church' like everyone else did at the time.

Which verse of the passage tells you that?

But the Lord wants more than that! He wants *us*!

"Come to
me, all you
who are
weary and
burdened,
and I will
give you
rest."

Matthew 11:28



He wants us not simply to 'go to church',
but to '**come to Him**'!

And that means looking to Him for His help
rather than taking matters into our own hands
and trying to sort things out ourselves.

What had he done which shows that Elkanah
was trying to sort things out Himself?

Read **1 Samuel 1** verses 2-7

²He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

³**Year after year** this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the Lord Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the Lord.

⁴ Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the Lord had closed her womb.

⁶Because the Lord had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. ⁷This went on **year after year**. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the Lord, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat.

He _ _ _ _ _

He gave a _ _ _ _ _ portion to Hannah

Write your answer by filling in the spaces above –

He didn't solve any problems by trying to sort them himself! The problems went on 'year after year'!

Read
1 Samuel 1
verses 8

love

⁸ Her husband Elkanah would say to her,
'Hannah, why are you weeping?
Why don't you eat?
Why are you downhearted?
Don't I mean more to you than
ten sons?'

**Elkanah loved
Hannah, but ..**

*Which verse of the passage tells you that
Elkanah loved his wife Hannah?*

It's clear that Elkanah loved Hannah –
but he didn't make a very good job of it!

His questions show you what was
'wrong' with the love he had for her.

How many questions did he ask?

love is

#1 Why are you weeping?

ask the Lord to help you notice when other
people are sad, and to understand why

#3 Why are you downhearted?

don't make light of how other people are
feeling by simply saying, 'Cheer up!'

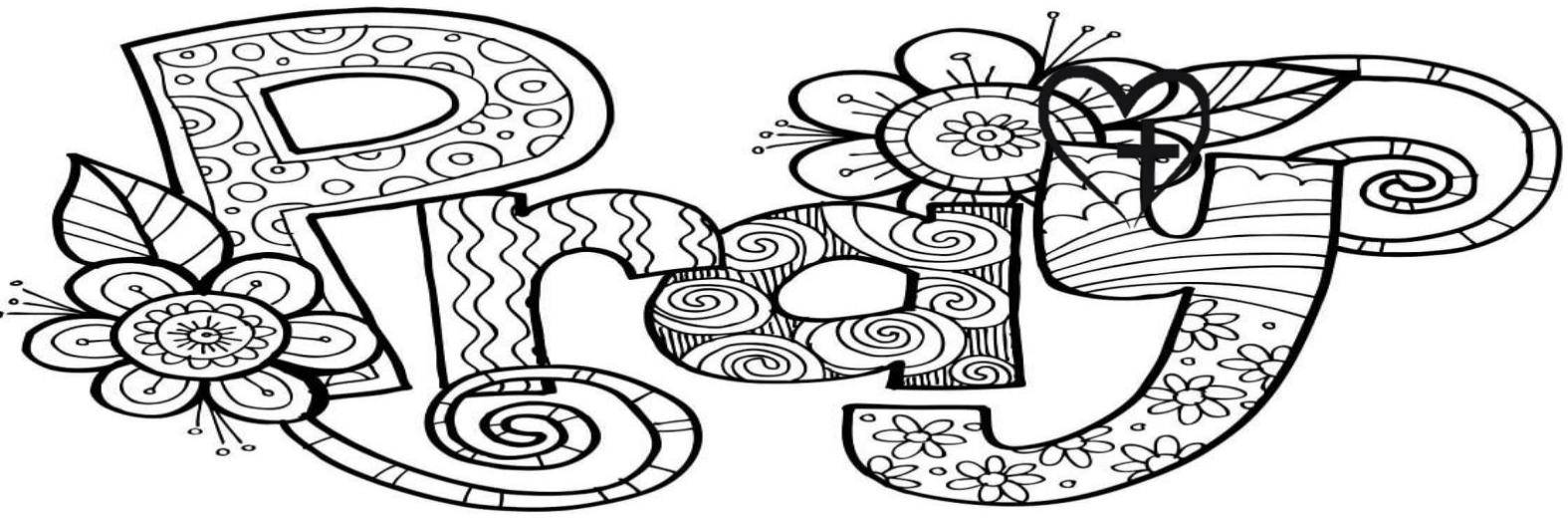
#2 Why don't you eat?

don't assume that what *you'd* most like will
be the answer to other people's problems

#4 Don't I mean more to you ..?

put yourself in the shoes of those around
you and see what matters to them





Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.

Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you

Thank You, Lord, for being so patient!

**I can be very slow to learn, and I often get things wrong!
I'm sorry. I need You to teach me the right way to live.
And I need you to help me live that way as well!**

**Help me to look forwards with a real expectancy.
Even when things aren't going well for me.**

**Thank You that the plans You have
for me are really good, better
than I could ever imagine!**

**Help me to look to you any time
I have problems: keep me from
trying to solve them myself!**

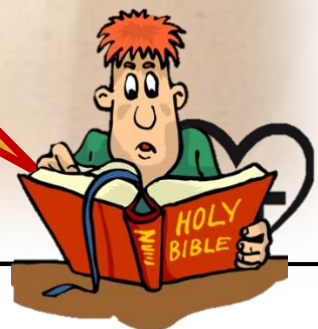
**And help me to learn from You how
to love other people really well – my
family and my friends, and all the people I'm with.**



Today's verse for you to try and remember!

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Wordsearch

The Wordsearch is taken (mainly!) from the times of Elkanah. See if you can find all the words!

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parents

Ephesians

Hannah

Hebrew

Pray

Phinehas

Philistines

Hophni

Honor

Shiloh

ark

Lord

priest

Elkanah

Eli

Samuel



COLOUR in the picture



ANSWER

to the puzzle on page 1 The magazine ('Vogue') which the lady on the bench is reading is upside down!