

Mother's Day 2026

Calling on the King

Psalm 99, 1 Samuel 1-2

Big Idea:

The Holy King on His throne is the personal God who answers the prayers of the unseen Mom.

Outline:

1. The Holy King on His Throne
 - 1) The Attribute of God's Holiness

 - 2) Our Response of Trembling

2. The Personal Prayer-Answerer of His People
 - 1) God Guides His People through Scripture

 - 2) We Can Call on the Lord in Prayer

3. Application for the Unseen Mom
 - 1) Hannah's Unseen Pain

 - 2) Hannah's Unseen Prayer

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you explain the attribute of God's holiness to someone who has never heard of this attribute? What are some other stories or passages of Scripture that could help add to your explanation?
2. How can something like the holiness of God impact our everyday lives as Christians?
3. Why would Psalm 99 tell the nations to "tremble" before a holy God? What can that teach us about our response to God?
4. If God is holy on His throne, why do you think He would care to communicate with us and bother hearing our prayers?
5. What does it mean to "call on the Lord" (Psalm 99:6-7)? And why should we value this privilege?
6. What are some ways in which Mother's Day might be painful for some people? How can Hannah's story comfort people in these circumstances?
7. What are some similarities between Hagar's interaction with God (Genesis 16) and Hannah's interaction with God (1 Samuel 1)?
8. What makes the ministry of motherhood important in God's eyes?