

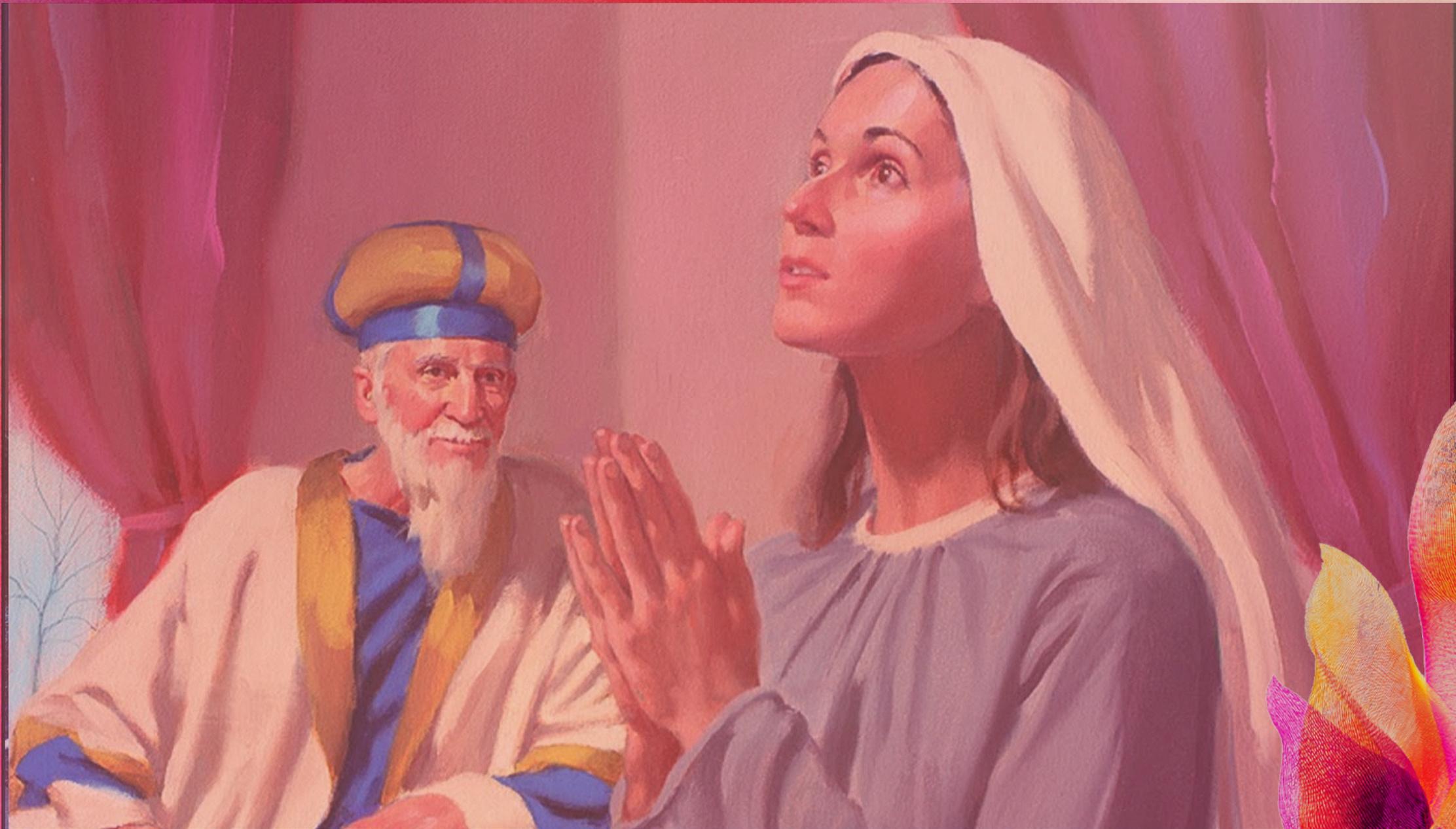


The Church At Its Best

THE GRATEFUL CHURCH

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SAMUEL 1:9-20, 24-28
1 SAMUEL 2:1-10





“The results showed that people who attended religious services at least weekly in childhood and adolescence were approximately 18% more likely to report higher happiness as young adults (ages 23–30) than those who never attended services. They were also 29% more likely to volunteer in their communities and 33% less likely to use illicit drugs. Those who prayed or meditated at least daily while growing up were 16% more likely to report higher happiness as young adults.”

American Journal of Epidemiology



“The beneficial relationship between religion and crime reduction is not simply a function of religion’s constraining function or what it discourages (e.g., opposing drug use or delinquent behavior) but also a matter of what it encourages (e.g., promoting prosocial behaviors).”

Oxford Handbook of Criminology



“Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that
I might not sin against Thee.”

Psalm 119:11 KJV



Now What?



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- Join the Family!



Now What?

- Join the Family!
- Serve!

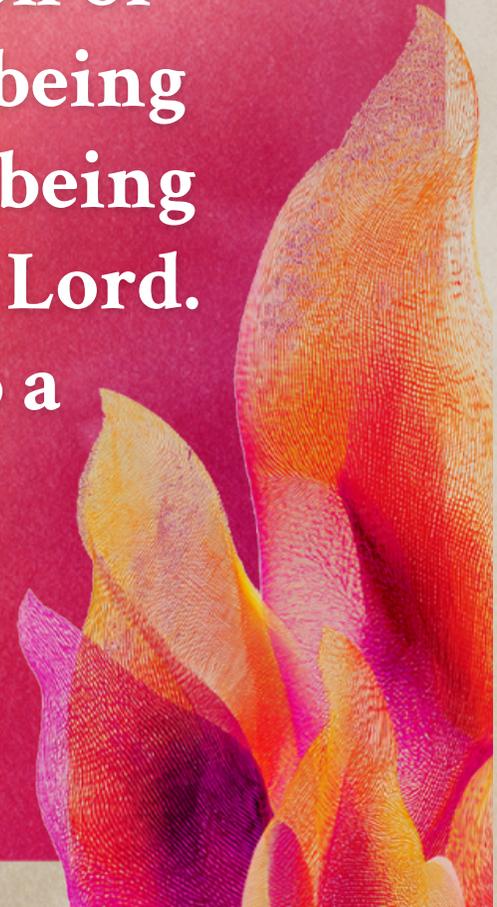


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So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,^[a] but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:19-22





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