

Peninnah ... used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb.

Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat.

1 Samuel 1:4b, 6b, 7b



Elkanah and His Two Wives

Master of the Feathery Clouds

But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled ... I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD.

1 Samuel 1:15

Hannah Before Eli the High Priest

Malnazar Getty Center, Los Angeles, CA

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son.

1 Samuel 1:20a



She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

1 Samuel 1:20b



Hannah with Samuel in the Temple
Workshop of Rembrandt

"There is no Holy One like the LORD ...For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world."

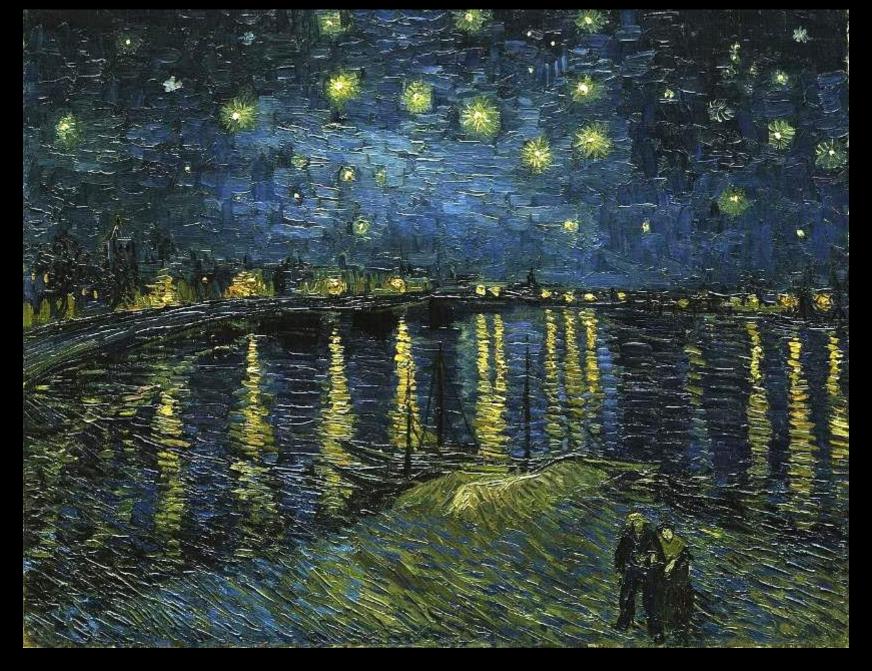
1 Samuel 2:2a, 8b



After the Thunderstorm - The Oxbow -- Thomas Cole, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Daniel 12:3



Starry Night on the Rhone -- Vincent van Gogh, Musée d'Orsay, Paris, France

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;

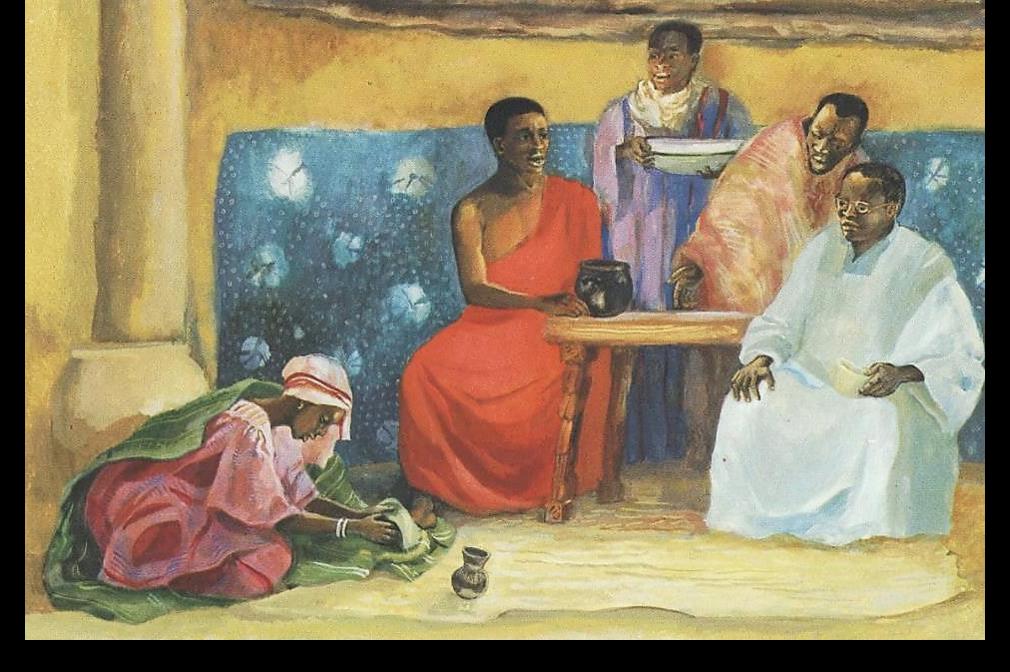
Psalm 16:11



Complete Joy -- Lauren Wright Pittman, liturgical artist

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Hebrews 10:17b, 18



Jesus Speaks About Forgiveness -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

Mark 13:2



Demolition of Housing in Low Income Neighborhood -- Kenneth Palk, Kansas City, KS

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.



Libby Prison (U. S. Civil War, Richmond, VA) -- David Blythe, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

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