

Somebody Prayed and Pressed  
Provocation and Persistence  
I Samuel 1:4-18.

# Praise + Prayer

A mandate or strong exhortation “ Let everything that have breath praise the Lord.”

A sacrifice-A lack of desire or feeling too weighed down to lift anything up.

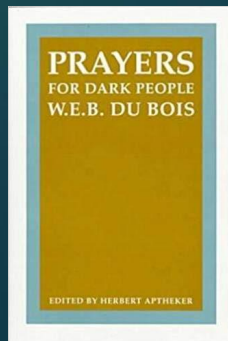
A weapon- Used in response/or as shield against those feelings, emotions, situations, systems and structures that seek to diminish, define or destroy within us the desire to take an alternative posture in the midst of what we find ourselves in or what we feel. (Mamie Till).

A tool- Used as a life line/instrument/means/mechanism/portal that keeps us connected to and directed by the power source (the spirit).

A spiritual discipline- Employed for the purposes of petitioning to and appealing to the throne of grace in an effort to find the necessary help and hope in time/s of need.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested<sup>[d]</sup> as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

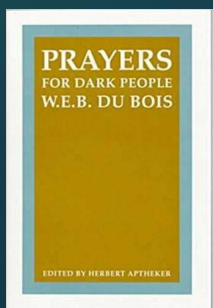
Hebrews 4:14-16.



(V4-5)

Hannah is still affirmed intentionally by Elkanah in light of the reality that she faces.

What creates the ensuing friction between the wives is the reality that while Peninnah has Elkanah's children, Hannah has his heart ( V5).



(V6-7)

Although Hannah was antagonized (at length) she remained committed to her spiritual foundation.

Therefore, my beloved,<sup>[n]</sup> be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. I Cor 15:58.



(V9)

The provocation, pain and the predicament did not shame Hannah into the shadows or invisibility. “She presented herself before the Lord”

Spiritual maturity

Prayer for resilience ( Dubois Prayer for Dark People)

(V10-11)

Hannah's pain and predicament does not silence her but compels her to make a specific and purpose-filled request of the Lord.

(V11)

“ Look on the misery of your servant”

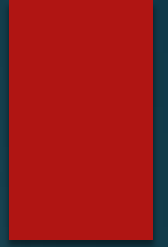
“Remember and not forget your servant”

“ Give to your servant a male child”

“Then I will etc..



(V15-16).



Hannah's actions and response is reflective of the realness of her situation and the depth of her relationship.

(V17).

Hannah's persistence provokes the priest to pronounce a blessing over her life.

and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds. Hebrews 10: 21-24.

(V18).

Hannah's pain and persistence produces a word that gives her the peace that will prepare her for the blessing she requested.

Proverbs 18:20-21,

# Homework

Like Hannah write your prayer with a specific ask and specific language combined with what you plan to do in response to God's grace.