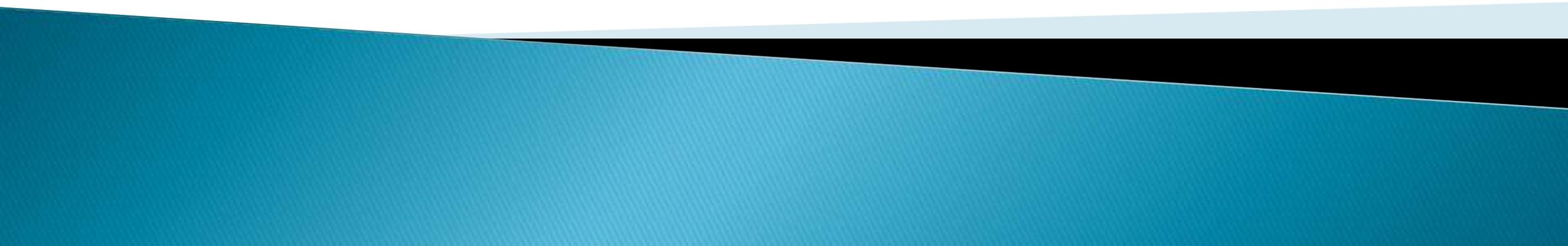


# The Mathematics of God



# The Formula of Relativity:

$$E = MC^2$$

E = energy

M = mass

C = speed of light square

# Formula of Density:

$$D = M/V$$

D = density

M = mass

V = volume



# Human Mathematics:

$$1 - 1 = ?$$

# Human Mathematics:

$$1 - 1 = 0$$

# Human Mathematics:

$$1 + 1 = ?$$

# Human Mathematics:

$$1 + 1 = 2$$

# Human Mathematics:

$$0 - 1 = ?$$

# God's Mathematics:

## Formula One:

1. LOVE

$$0 / 0 = 1$$

## The Shunammite's Son Restored to Life

<sup>8</sup> One day Elisha went to Shunem. And a well-to-do woman was there, who urged him to stay for a meal. So whenever he came by, he stopped there to eat. <sup>9</sup> She said to her husband, "I know that this man who often comes our way is a holy man of God. <sup>10</sup> Let's make a small room on the roof and put in it a bed and a table, a chair and a lamp for him. Then he can stay there whenever he comes to us." <sup>11</sup> One day when Elisha came, he went up to his room and lay down there. <sup>12</sup> He said to his servant Gehazi, "Call the Shunammite." So he called her, and she stood before him. <sup>13</sup> Elisha said to him, "Tell her, 'You have gone to all this trouble for us. Now what can be done for you? Can we speak on your behalf to the king or the commander of the army?'" She replied, "I have a home among my own people." <sup>14</sup> "What can be done for her?" Elisha asked. Gehazi said, "She has no son, and her husband is old." <sup>15</sup> Then Elisha said, "Call her." So he called her, and she stood in the doorway. <sup>16</sup> "About this time next year," Elisha said, "you will hold a son in your arms." "No, my lord!" she objected. "Please, man of God, don't mislead your servant!" <sup>17</sup> **But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.**

2 Kings 4: 8–17 (NIV)

# Lesson:

- When we have resources, share with people
  - time
  - effort
  - love / care
  - possessions

# God's Mathematics:

## Formula Two:

2. Make an offering pledge to God

$$0 - 1 = 1$$

# The Birth of Samuel

<sup>1</sup> There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite<sup>[a]</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup> Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. <sup>7</sup> This 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. <sup>8</sup> 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?"

1 Samuel 1:1–8 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the LORD's house. <sup>10</sup> In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. <sup>11</sup> And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." <sup>12</sup> As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup> Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk <sup>14</sup> and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine." <sup>15</sup> "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. <sup>16</sup> Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." <sup>17</sup> Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

<sup>18</sup> She said, “May your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast. <sup>19</sup> Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. <sup>20</sup> So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel,<sup>[b]</sup> saying, “Because I asked the LORD for him.”

## The Birth of Samuel

<sup>24</sup> After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull,<sup>[e]</sup> an ephah<sup>[f]</sup> of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. <sup>25</sup> When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, <sup>26</sup> and she said to him, “Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup> I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. <sup>28</sup> So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD.” And he worshiped the LORD there.

# Lesson:

- Deliver your pledge to God on time

# God's Mathematics:

## Formula Three:

### 3. Worship God – Offering

$$1 - 1 > 1$$

<sup>27</sup> I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. <sup>28</sup> So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD.” And he worshiped the LORD there.

..... <sup>21</sup> And the LORD was gracious to Hannah; she gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD.

1 Samuel 1:27–28; 2:21

# Lesson

- Make your offering to God joyfully

“You may give without LOVE;  
but you cannot LOVE without giving”

# God's Mathematics:

## Formula Four:

### 4. Obedience

$$1 - 1 = \infty$$

## Elijah Announces a Great Drought

<sup>1</sup> Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe<sup>[a]</sup> in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

## Elijah Fed by Ravens

<sup>2</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: <sup>3</sup> “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup> You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.” <sup>5</sup> So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. <sup>6</sup> The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

# Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath

<sup>7</sup> Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. <sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>9</sup> “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” <sup>10</sup> So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” <sup>11</sup> As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.” <sup>12</sup> “As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.” <sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.” <sup>14</sup> For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: “The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.” <sup>15</sup> She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. <sup>16</sup> For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah. <sup>17</sup> Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing.

1 Kings 17: 7-17 (NIV)

# Lesson:

- Listen to the small voice inside your heart and to give in OBEDIENCE

# Bible verses to remember:

## 1. Proverbs: 19:17

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD,  
and he will reward them for what they have done.

## 2. Luke 12:48

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and  
from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be  
asked.

## 3. 2Corinthians 9:7

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not  
reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

## 4. 2Corinthians 9:9

As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;  
their righteousness endures forever."

# Conclusion:

1. Our LOVE for God brings God's blessing
  2. Our OBEDIENCE to God brings God's help
  3. Our FAITH to God brings God's provision
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How much do you love  
the Lord?



**And what are you going to do  
about it?**

