

A Broken Kingdom: “Desires That Turned Evil”

I Samuel 2:12-25

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I. Desires that turned into contempt (vs 12-17)

1. Contempt that had its identity with evil
2. Contempt that showed no relationship with God
3. Contempt that produced offerings that were self-centered
4. Contempt that showed utter disrespect for God’s Word
5. Contempt that turned into immorality

Jeremiah 50:6, John 19:6, Ezekiel 33:6

II. Desires that demonstrated righteousness (vs 18-21)

Matthew 5:20

III. Desires that were corrupt and unchecked (vs 22-25)

2 Peter 3:9

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” Deut. 6:6-7

LET’S GO DEEPER:

1. How can the drastic consequences faced by Eli's house inspire accountability in leadership roles today?
2. How should believers in Jesus Christ respond to the severity of God’s consequences for Eli and his sons?
3. How can you respond when you see behaviors like those of Hophni and Phinehas in your community or church?
4. How can you apply the lessons learned from Eli's family to your personal, professional, or spiritual leadership roles?
5. Why does God extend to Eli the responsibility for the sins of his sons?
6. In what ways can we demonstrate that we’re 'honoring' God in our lives?