

“When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get.

Matthew 6:5 NLT

The LORD said to him, “Pay no attention to how tall and handsome he is. I have rejected him, because I do not judge as people judge. They look at the outward appearance, but I look at the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7 GNT

An Unsung Hero . . .

1. Keeps their word.

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.”

1 Samuel 1:11 NIV

I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.”

1 Samuel 1:27-28a NIV

2. Is not forgotten.

Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, “May the Lord give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the Lord.” Then they would go home. 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 2:19-21 NIV

3. Has a promise.

The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel’s words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the Lord.

1 Samuel 3:19-20 NIV

I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

Psalms 37:25 NIV

4. Leaves a legacy.

From year to year he (Samuel) went on a circuit from Bethel to Gilgal to Mizpah, judging Israel in all those places. But he always went back to Ramah, where his home was, and there he also held court for Israel. And he built an altar there to the Lord.

1 Samuel 7:16-17 NIV

Now these are the men whom David appointed over the service of song in the house of the Lord . . . They were ministering with music . . . Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel.

1 Chronicles 6:31-33 NKJV

Weekend Music:

Thank You Song (UPPERROOM) • Be Enthroned (Bethel Music)
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