

Samuel (Rise of the King) - Lesson 4

Corrupt Priest – Faithful Boy (1 Samuel 2:12-26)

I. Review: Hannah's Prayer (1 Samuel 2:1–10)

- God is our source of joy, not just His gifts
- The Lord alone is holy and sovereign
- God humbles the proud and exalts the humble
- The Lord controls life, death, and every outcome

II. The Sons of Eli – A Warning (1 Samuel 2:12–17)

- Eli's sons were (1) _____ men who did not know the Lord
- Though priests, they lived in open rebellion against God
- There were (2) _____ major abuses in how they handled the sacrifices
- This was not a (3) _____ issue—it was serious sin before God
- They took their portion (4) _____ the Lord received His
- They treated the Lord's offering with contempt instead of (5) _____ worship

III. Samuel – A Faithful Contrast (1 Samuel 2:18–21)

- Samuel ministered before the Lord even as a boy
- He wore a (6) _____ ephod while serving
- This connects him to priestly work, though not the (7) _____ priest
- Samuel continued growing and remained (8) _____ in ministry
- Eli's sons had the position, but not the right (9) _____
- Hannah showed continual (10) _____ in dedicating Samuel to the Lord
- God blessed her with additional children

IV. A House in Decline (1 Samuel 2:22–26)

- Eli heard about his sons' sin but did not restrain them
- Their sin included both corruption in worship and immorality
- Even after rebuke, their sin (11) _____
- Sin against God requires a (12) _____
- Yet God is rich in (13) _____
- In contrast, Samuel continued to grow in favor with the Lord and with people

V. Application

- Spiritual position does not equal spiritual integrity
- God sees the condition of the heart
- Unchecked sin will grow and spread

- Faithfulness stands out in corrupt environments
- God desires reverent, obedient worship

Answer Key

1. WICKED

2. TWO

3. MINOR

4. BEFORE

5. PROPER

6. LINEN

7. HIGH

8. ACTIVE

9. HEART

10. OBEDIENCE

11. INCREASED

12. MEDIATOR

13. MERCY