

Samuel (Rise of the King) - Lesson 5

The Fall of Eli's House (1 Samuel 2:27-36)

I. Review: Corruption vs. Faithfulness

- Hophni & Phinehas → Wickedness
- Samuel → Faithfulness
- Same environment... different hearts

II. Transition (v.26)

- Samuel → growing in favor with God and people
- Eli's sons → growing in (1) _____
- Two trajectories:
 - Faithfulness rising
 - Wickedness ripening for judgment

III. Prophetic Confrontation

- "This is what the LORD says..."
- Delivered by a **man of God** (prophet)
- God speaks when leaders fail to (2) _____

IV. Reminder of Grace

- God chose (3) _____ and his house
- God gave them:
 - Priesthood
 - Access to His presence
 - Sacred responsibilities
- This is (4) _____ before judgment

V. Sin Defined (v.29)

- "Why do you (5) _____ My sacrifices?"
- Means: to "kick against" / rebel
- They:
 - Took what belonged to God
 - Treated worship as common

VI. Eli's Core Failure

- "You honor your sons more than Me."
- Eli:
 - Confronted (6) _____
 - Failed to restrain

- Misplaced love = disordered worship

VII. Priesthood & Responsibility

- God promised Aaron's descendants would (7) _____ be priests
- But:
 - (8) _____ can forfeit covenant blessings through sin

VIII. Judgment Declared

- "I will cut off your strength..."
- Literally: cut off your (9) _____ (strength)
- Results:
 - No lasting legacy
 - Descendants will die violently

IX. Sign of Judgment

- Hophni & Phinehas will die the (10) _____ day
- Fulfilled exactly as God said

X. Faithful Priesthood Restored

- God will raise up a faithful priest
- Replaces (11) _____ with faithfulness
- One who:
 - Knows God's heart
 - Obeys God's will

XI. Fulfillment

- Samuel → immediate fulfillment
- (12) _____ → greater fulfillment
- God's plan moves forward (13) _____ failure

XII. The Bigger Picture

- God is moving history toward His (14) _____
- Ultimately fulfilled in Christ

Answer Key

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| 1. CORRUPTION | 7. ALWAYS | 13. DESPITE |
| 2. SPEAK | 8. INDIVIDUALS | 14. ANOINTED |
| 3. AARON | 9. ARM | |
| 4. PRIVILEGE | 10. SAME | |
| 5. SCORN | 11. FAILURE | |
| 6. VERBALLY | 12. ZADOCK | |