

# Samuel – A Light in the Darkness

1 Samuel 2:11-36



## Big Takeaway from Session 2

If you want to see results like Hannah saw, you need to pray like Hannah prayed—in \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and in \_\_\_\_\_ that God will act consistently with His \_\_\_\_\_, WHO HE IS, and His \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT HE DOES

## An Important Phrase

<sup>11</sup> Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord under Eli the priest.

1 Samuel 2:11

### I. The Bad Bros and the Contrast Part 1

\_\_\_\_\_:

The priest's servant was to plunge his three-pronged fork into the cauldron, and \_\_\_\_\_ he pulled out on the fork was his share

(1 Samuel 2:13-14)

\_\_\_\_\_:

1. Presented \_\_\_\_\_ by the one making the offering
2. The breast brought to and \_\_\_\_\_ before the Lord
3. The \_\_\_\_\_
4. The worshipper gives the \_\_\_\_\_ to the priest
5. The Lord returns the \_\_\_\_\_, to the priest as his perpetual provision from God

(Leviticus 7:28-34)

## Houston—We Have A Problem

Why is the priest's \_\_\_\_\_ accepting sacrifices?

\_\_\_\_\_ meat?

There is \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture about meat prepared in sacrifice being boiled—it was to be \_\_\_\_\_, an aroma pleasing to the Lord

\_\_\_\_\_ meat?

The priest's share came post roast

“Even the \_\_\_\_\_ knew the rules were being broken.”

- David Tsumura

\_\_\_\_\_ from the priest's servant if the people don't break the law of God and obey the priest's orders

### The Bad Bros

They were cheating the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

They were cheating \_\_\_\_\_—treating both the offerings and the law with \_\_\_\_\_

### The Contrast

The sons of Eli \_\_\_\_\_ before the Lord

Samuel \_\_\_\_\_ before the Lord

## II. The Bad Bros and the Contrast Part 2

Eli \_\_\_\_\_ the boy's behavior but doesn't do anything to \_\_\_\_\_ it other than threaten God's judgment sans mediation

<sup>26</sup> And the boy Samuel \_\_\_\_\_ in stature and in favor with the Lord and with people.

### III. The Prophecy Against Eli's Fam

#### God Goes Historical

God \_\_\_\_\_ the family of Aaron from among other candidates for the priesthood

(Numbers 17:1-8)

The \_\_\_\_\_ made provision for the Levitical families to be fed; they didn't need to cheat the people and the Lord to have enough—God would be enough for them

(Deuteronomy 10:8-9)

#### God Gets Judgmental

You \_\_\_\_\_ what your boys are doing, and you do nothing to \_\_\_\_\_ it

You \_\_\_\_\_ your sons \_\_\_\_\_ me

\_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 20:3

#### A Free-Bee on Parenting

Eli failed to give his \_\_\_\_\_ an upbringing in the faith and consequences for their poor behavior

Eli failed as a \_\_\_\_\_

#### God Drops the Hammer

Because you don't honor me, I'm not going to honor the \_\_\_\_\_ with your family

He doesn't just immediately \_\_\_\_\_ like he did with Aaron's sons Abihu and Nadab (Leviticus 10:1-2) or Korah, Dathan, and Abiram (Numbers 16:1-35)

He allows them to \_\_\_\_\_ with the knowledge that they are being \_\_\_\_\_ for their sin

### A Faithful Priest

1<sup>st</sup> Fulfillment – \_\_\_\_\_ – he was from a Levitical family (1 Samuel 1:1)

2<sup>nd</sup> Fulfillment – \_\_\_\_\_ – Abiathar's rival (2 Samuel 15:24-27)

Ultimate Fulfillment – \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 4-10)

### Prophet, Priest, and King

The three roles begin to merge, though in a blurry manner, in Samuel who finds himself \_\_\_\_\_ the word of the Lord (prophet), \_\_\_\_\_ the people (king), and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (priest)

In this manner, Samuel is a " \_\_\_\_\_ " of Christ

These roles are forever merged and perfectly defined in the person of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ – Jesus spoke the words of God

(John 14:7)

\_\_\_\_\_ – Jesus is the mediator of the new covenant and a perpetual high priest in the order of Melchizedek

(Hebrews 7:17)

\_\_\_\_\_ – Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords who will reign forever

(Revelation 11:15)

Samuel's life \_\_\_\_\_ in a way few other's lives do

The author of Samuel uses the negative examples of the sons of Eli to make Samuel's light shine brighter as the original \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. Big Takeaway

\_\_\_\_\_ is done \_\_\_\_\_. Eli's sons could no more hide their \_\_\_\_\_ than Samuel could conceal his \_\_\_\_\_

#### Table Talk Ideas

1. Check in; how is everyone's week going? How is God working in your midst?
2. Why do you think God includes so many "what not to do" stories in Scripture?
3. What stuck out to you most in this section of Scripture?
4. Does it bother you that Eli is held responsible for the actions of his sons? Why or why not?
5. When you realize that all sin is done before the Lord, does that change your outlook on the little social sins? (Example: talking behind another's back isn't just hurting the person, it's hurting God as well).
6. Pray for the moms at your table who are parenting through the many stages of life.