

The Book Of 1 Samuel
Wednesday Noon Bible Study
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Lesson 6 What was happening in Samuel's childhood is happening in our day. Parents today are raising their children in times a lot like the times when Samuel was a child. Samuel is now beginning to learn his duties as a priest.

- Samuel was to be a priest
- Samuel was to be a prophet

Let's not forget the importance of training before attempting to perform a task.

1st Point The Role & Responsibility Of The Priest

- The priest was man's representative before a Holy God.
- Since their service was before this Holy God, there were very specific cleansing acts that they had to perform.
- **Leviticus 21** and other Scriptures outlined the requirements for the purity that God required of them.
- Saints let's remember separates sinful man from a Holy God. (**Isaiah 59:1-3**)

2nd Point The Sins of The Priesthood .1 Samuel 2:11-36)

- As we read this section of **1 Samuel**, we will see the deplorable conditions of priesthood in Samuel's day.
- The man Eli, was the priest. His sons were supposed to be training and learning under their father.
- The truth of the matter was Eli did not have control of his sons as we will see in our study today.
- The text tells us in **2:12** that the boys...**were sons of Belial...**
- **This phrase means *worthless, scoundrels.***
- **How can you have two worthless scoundrels working in the tabernacle in service of a Holy God.?**
- **That's a question the church needs to ask itself today.**

3rd Point A Sinful Bunch 1 Samuel 2:12-17 and 2:22-25

- The Scriptures tell us two specifics sins that Eli's two sons committed.
- First, they took the choice meat of the sacrificial animals, which rightfully belonged to the LORD as HIS offering, for themselves.
- **Doesn't that sound a lot like what's happening today?**
- Secondly, these two boys would engage in ritual fornication right in the doorway of the Lord's tabernacle.
 - o WOW! What a brazen, blasphemous act!
 - o These boys are so wicked that they didn't even go behind closed doors.
 - o Not that the LORD wouldn't see what they were doing behind closed doors.
 - o But think about what that would say to those they were serving
- o We do well to remember what **Galatians 6:7** says; **Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.**
- o **Numbers 32:23** says: **be sure your sin will find you out.**

4th Point **Two Different Works** (1 Samuel 2:17-18)

- In one verse we see the work of sin & Satan
- In the other verse we see the work of God's grace.
- When I read these two verses, I think about what Paul said in **Romans 5:20...But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.**
- **What a contrast in these two verses!**
- *Two wicked, abominable boys, dressed in sin*
- *One boy robbed in the service of the LORD*

- *Two boys that have given in to sin*
- *One boy that is given to the service of LORD*

5th Point **God Has A Greater Purpose & Plan**

- In the **Book of 1 Samuel**, as we have seen in the **Books of Joshua, and Judges, and Ruth**, our God operates from eternity. God knows everything from all eternity. God knew that Eli's priesthood would fail.
- * *One is about to be rejected (2:27)*
- * *One is about to be selected (2:26)*
- Let's read **2:27** we see that God send an unnamed man of God to tell Eli that his priesthood is being rejected.
- In **2:29-33**, God tells Eli the reason why his priesthood is about to end.

6th Point **God Has Another** (1 Samuel 2:35)

- It's very, very important to note that God did not terminate the office of priesthood, HE just terminated the priesthood of Eli and his descendants.
- That's where **1 Samuel chapter 3** begins. God is about to call Samuel, a faithful priest. I'm reminded of what King Nebuchadnezzar confessed in **Daniel 4:34-37**. God sets up kings, leaders, priests, and God removes them. HE is and always be in charge of HIS universe. Note also the message that God gave this King Belshazzar is **Daniel chapter 5** beginning at **verse 5**