

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.
 - WOW! What a brazen, blasphemous act!
 - These boys are so wicked that they didn't even go behind closed doors.
 - Not that the LORD wouldn't see what they were doing behind closed doors.
 - But think about what that would say to those they were serving
 - 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.**
 - 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**