



THE BOOK OF

1 SAMUEL



Sermon Series Notes

“Prayer, Prophets, Parents, & Rebels” (I Samuel 1-4)

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1:2 Hannah = “grace” and Peninnah = “jewel” or “ruby”

1:1-20 Samuel = “Heard by God”

1:24-28 According to Num.15:8-10 these items were sacrificed in connection to a vow. This must have been difficult for Hannah, leaving young Samuel with Eli the priest and going back home without him.

2:1-10 This prayer reveals Hannah’s godly character, her faith, and the depth of her knowledge of God

2:11-26 See Luke 2:52; What a contrast, godly young Samuel serving under the leadership of a permissive priest and father whose sons are wicked.

2:27-36 A man of God confronts Eli, asking why he honors his sons more than the Lord, prophesies that Hophni and Phineas will die on the same day, a sign that God is going to strip the priesthood from Eli’s family, then raise up for Himself a faithful priest who will do what is in God’s heart & mind.

3:1-3 The lamp was kept burning from evening until morning (Ex.27:20-21), so this is just before sunrise.

3:4-4:1a

4:1b-22

PRAYER

- Jim Cymbala on Hannah’s prayer

PREACHING THE WORD

- I Sam.3:1, 21; 4:1a
- Great need, tremendous challenge
- II Tim.3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.
- II Tim.4:1-4

PARENTING

- Giving our children over to God’s will
- Godly parents are godly people
 - o Eli’s problem was not just his unwillingness to properly discipline his son, but his unwillingness to discipline himself. He would never become a godly father without becoming a godly person himself.
- Discipline
 - o Prov.13:24 Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them.
 - o Prov.22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far away.

- o Prov.23:13-14 do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish them with the rod, they will not die. Punish them with the rod and save them from death.
- o Prov.29:15 A rod and a reprimand impart wisdom, but a child left undisciplined disgraces its mother.
- Godly parents are not guaranteed godly children
 - o Adam & Eve
 - o Cain & Abel
 - o I Sam.8:5

REBELLION

- I John 5:16-17 if you see a brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that. All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.
- Judah's sons Er & Onan
 - o Gen.38:7...Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the Lord's sight; so the Lord put him to death...10 What he (Onan) did was wicked in the Lord's sight; so the Lord put him to death also.
- Aaron's sons
 - o Lev.10:1-2 Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, contrary to his command. So fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord.
- Korah, Dathan & Abiram
 - o Num.16: 31-33...the ground under them split apart and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them...They went down alive into the realm of the dead, with everything they owned...
- Balaam's reckless path (Num.22)
 - o Joshua 13:22 In addition to those slain in battle, the Israelites had put to the sword Balaam son of Beor, who had practiced divination.
- Achan (Joshua 7)
- David's son Absalom (II Sam.17)
- Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5)
- I Cor.11:30
- Jeff Appell
- Rebel: A person who resists authority or control
- Read Isaiah 1:2-20