

1 SAMUEL

The Heart of God

“A Tale of Two Families

1 Samuel 2:12-36

Intro: Israel, at the time of Samuel was in a chaotic state where everyone went his own way and pursued his own path.

There were several similarities between Hannah and Mary as both the birth of Samuel and of the Lord were the result of miraculous intervention of the Lord.

Hannah's Hymn of praise closely resembled Mary's Magnificat.

What we learned from Hannah's Psalm is that God always shows up for His people, He is the Lord of Hosts, and El Roi, the God who sees.

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I. The Blasphemy of Eli’s Sons

Eli’s sons were seen by God as worthless, sons of Belial.

Eli lacked three critical qualities:

- 1.** Discernment, **Heb.5:14**
- 2.** Discipline, **Proverbs 13:24, 29:15**
- 3.** Disassociation with the sin, **vs. 29.**

Eli’s sons had 2 major offenses:

- A.** Stealing from God
- B.** Sexual immorality.

Our sins often affect others, **Vs 17, 2 Samuel 12:14**

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II. God’s Judgment on Eli’s House

Eli was at least implicit in the sins of his sons, **vs 29**.

Honoring anything above God is idolatry.

As a result of his inaction regarding his sons’ sin:

- 1.** The priesthood was taken away from his family lineage, **vs 31-33**,
- 2.** This event would take place during Solomon’s reign, **1 Kings 2:35**.
- 3.** Eli’s sons were to be killed as a sign, **vs. 34**,
- 4.** Eli himself would die as a result, **1 Sam. 4:18**.

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III. The Purity and Service of Samuel

Samuel's life and family were shown to be in direct contrast to that of Eli and his sons.

As God was planning to eliminate Eli's sons, we read of Samuel an epitaph that was also given to the Lord, **vs. 26**.

Eli raised his sons and Samuel, yet each took a different path due to different choices made in spite of godly instruction.

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Elkanah and Hannah experienced God's mercy by repaying them five fold what they gave to Him.

One cannot out give God! **vs 20-21**

Man's failure to be faithful does not thwart God's plan,

vs 35.