

# April 8/Day 98

Welcome to Samuel!

## 1 Samuel 1

Verses 1-2

- Elkanah means “God has created”.
- Of what tribe was this man? Do you remember who Ephraim was?
- What were the names of Elkanah’s two wives?
- Note: While the culture of the day supported polygamy, God did not set marriage up this way. Refer to Genesis chapter 1. God’s plan for mankind was one woman and one man for life.

Verses 3-8

- Here the name for God is Jehovah Sabaoth, the LORD of hosts or the LORD of the armies of heaven. This is why angels are called “heavenly hosts”.
- Who served as priests in Shiloh at this time?
- Why did Elkanah give Hannah a double-portion?
- How is Peninniah described in verse 6? Why was she called this?

Verses 9-11

- What was Hannah doing in the temple?
- What did she vow?
- Do you remember Samson’s vow?
- Is there an application for us here?

Verses 12-18

- Why did Eli think Hannah was drunk? Note: the last passage said she rose after eating and drinking and that’s when she went to pray.
- What did she tell him she was doing instead?
- What blessing did Eli give Hannah as she left?
- What does this last phrase say about Hannah? Had her circumstances changed? Or had her perspective changed after she prayed?

Verses 19-20

- They who? How would you know if you started reading here?
- Where did they live?

- Verse 19 says the LORD remembered Hannah. If God is omniscient, which is all-knowing, could He have forgotten about Hannah? Then what does this mean?
- What did she name this son? Samuel means “God has heard”.

Verses 21-28

- Why did Hannah not go up to make the yearly sacrifice?
- What did Elkanah wish to have confirmed?
- How old was Samuel when he was weaned?
- To whom did she bring the boy?
- What did she tell Eli about their previous encounter and about the boy?
- How long would Samuel be dedicated to the LORD?
- What is the application for us regarding our children?

## 1 Samuel 2

- Observe the prayer of Hannah below:

Verses 1-10

- What do we learn about the LORD from Hannah’s prayer.

Verse 11

- Where did Samuel stay when his parents returned home?
- Do you think it was hard to Hannah to leave her son behind?

Verses 12-17

- How are the sons of Eli described?
- Who did they not know? But Eli served in the temple, how could they not know?
- What was their sin before the LORD? What did they despise?
- What is the application for us here?

Verses 18-20

- What did Hannah do for Samuel from year to year when she came up to make sacrifice?
- What was Eli’s prayer for Hannah and Elkanah?

Verse 21

- Did God answer Eli’s prayer?

Verses 22-25

- What did Eli hear of his sons? How were these things described?
- Why did the LORD desire to put them to death?

Verse 26

- In the meantime, what was going on with Samuel?

Verses 27-36

- Who did God say Eli was honoring above Him?
- What did the prophet tell Eli?

## 1 Samuel 3

Verse 1

- What are we told about the spiritual situation at this time?

Verses 2-9

- What was going on with Eli's health?
- What does this passage say was in the temple?
- What did the LORD do to Samuel in verse 4?
- Who did Samuel think had called him? What does this tell us about the way God spoke to Samuel?
- What does verse 7 tell us about Samuel's relationship with the LORD, though he had been ministering in the temple for many years?
- What did Eli discern after the LORD called for Samuel the third time?
- How did Eli instruct Samuel to reply?

Verses 10-14

- What did the LORD come and do? Notice how He is relating to Samuel personally.
- What did the LORD tell him?
- For what would the house of Eli be judged?
- What was Eli's responsibility in regard to his sons' behavior? Does this give us more information regarding verse 1?

Verses 15-18

- Why was Samuel afraid to tell Eli about his vision?
- How did Eli respond when Samuel told him about his vision?

- Some say God does not speak to mankind anymore except through Scripture. If He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, does He still speak to mankind this way? Of course, a personal word from God will NEVER contradict what He has said in Scripture. Test the Spirits. (1 John 4:1-6)

Verses 19-21

- Who was with Samuel? Was he maturing?
- What did all Israel know about him? What was he?

See you tomorrow.