

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF SAMUEL By Jarrod Davidoff May 16, 2021

1. HIS MOTHER DEDICATED HIM TO THE LORD BEFORE HIS BIRTH

1 Samuel 1:11 Then she made a vow and said, “O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.”

1 Samuel 1:20 So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, *saying*, “Because I have asked for him from the LORD.”

Joshua 24:15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

2. HIS MOTHER DISCIPLLED HIM

1 Samuel 1:10 And she *was* in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish.

11 Then she made a vow and said, “O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life,...

1 Samuel 2:1 And Hannah prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the LORD;
My horn is exalted in the LORD.
I smile at my enemies,
Because I rejoice in Your salvation.

2 “No one is holy like the LORD,
For *there is* none besides You,
Nor *is there* any rock like our God.

3 “Talk no more so very proudly;
Let no arrogance come from your mouth,
For the LORD *is* the God of knowledge;
And by Him actions are weighed.

4 “The bows of the mighty men *are* broken,
And those who stumbled are girded with strength.

5 *Those who were* full have hired themselves out for bread,
And the hungry have ceased *to hunger*.
Even the barren has borne seven,
And she who has many children has become feeble.

6 “The LORD kills and makes alive;
He brings down to the grave and brings up.

7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
He brings low and lifts up.

8 He raises the poor from the dust
And lifts the beggar from the ash heap,
To set *them* among princes
And make them inherit the throne of glory.
“For the pillars of the earth *are* the LORD’s,
And He has set the world upon them.

9 He will guard the feet of His saints,
But the wicked shall be silent in darkness.
“For by strength no man shall prevail.

10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken in pieces;
From heaven He will thunder against them.
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth.
“He will give strength to His king,
And exalt the horn of His anointed.”

3. HE WAS CONSECRATED TO GOD FOR A PURPOSE

1 Samuel 1:24 Now when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls, one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD in Shiloh. And the child *was* young.

Esther 4:14 For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?"

Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

4. HE WAS TRAINED AND MENTORED BY ELI

1 Samuel 1:28 Therefore I also have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the LORD."

1 Samuel 2:11 Then Elkanah went to his house at Ramah. But the child ministered to the LORD before Eli the priest.

Proverbs 27:6 Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.

5. HE HAD A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD

1 Samuel 2:18 But Samuel ministered before the LORD, *even as* a child, wearing a linen ephod. **19** Moreover his mother used to make him a little robe, and bring *it* to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice

Philippians 3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Ephesians 1:16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: **17** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, **18** the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, **19** and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

6. GOD PROMOTED HIM

1 Samuel 3:19 So Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. **20** And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel *had been* established as a prophet of the LORD. **21** Then the LORD appeared again in Shiloh. For the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

Psalms 75:7 But God *is* the Judge:
He puts down one,
And exalts another.

1 Peter 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, **7** casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Luke 16:10 He who *is* faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much;...

7. HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

1 Samuel 2:12 Now the sons of Eli *were* corrupt; they did not know the LORD. **13** And the priests' custom with the people *was that* when any man offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come with a three-pronged fleshhook in his hand while the meat was boiling. **14** Then he would thrust *it* into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; and the priest would take for himself all that

the fleshhook brought up. So they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there. **15** Also, before they burned the fat, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who sacrificed, "Give meat for roasting to the priest, for he will not take boiled meat from you, but raw."

16 And *if* the man said to him, "They should really burn the fat first; *then* you may take *as much* as your heart desires," he would then answer him, "No, but you must give *it* now; and if not, I will take *it* by force."

17 Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD, for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

1 Samuel 3:1 Now the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; *there was* no widespread revelation. **2** And it came to pass at that time, while Eli *was* lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, **3** and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the LORD where the ark of God *was*, and while Samuel was lying down, **4** that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" **5** So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down.

6 Then the LORD called yet again, "Samuel!"

So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." **7** (Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.)

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me."

Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. **9** Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

11 Then the LORD said to Samuel: “Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. **12** In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. **13** For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them. **14** And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.”

15 So Samuel lay down until morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision. **16** Then Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son!”

He answered, “Here I am.”

17 And he said, “What *is* the word that *the* LORD spoke to you? Please do not hide *it* from me. God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that He said to you.” **18** Then Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It *is* the LORD. Let Him do what seems good to Him.”

HIS SONS WERE EVIL

1 Samuel 8:1 Now it came to pass when Samuel was old that he made his sons judges over Israel. **2** The name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; *they were* judges in Beersheba. **3** But his sons did not walk in his ways; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, **5** and said to him, “Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.”

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.