

1 ☐ **Fall 2023/Spring 2024 Bible Study**

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2 ☐ **What genre is/are  
"1 and 2 Samuel"?**3 ☐ **Fall 2023/Spring 2024 Bible Study**

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4 ☐ **Read 1 Samuel 2:1-11**

- What is the first thing Hannah does? What kind? Is she angry/frustrated like last time?
  - Does this tell us anything about our own life?
  - Notice this is in Hebrew poetry. (It is indented) How should we read poetry/songs?
- What key word ends Hannah's prayer? (10)
  - This is the first time it is used in the OT.
  - What significance does it have?
- The themes of Hannah's prayer are picked up in Mary's Prayer – The Magnificat in Luke 1:46-55.
  - God OPPOSES the proud & EXALTS the humble.
  - Despite human EVIL, God is still at work.
  - God will raise up a Messianic KING

5 ☐ **Read 1 Samuel 2:12-21**

- How are the sons of Eli described? (12)
  - What example do they give? (13-16) Why is this a problem?
  - Samuel wraps things up with what final description of them? (17)
  - What does this tell us about the High Priest, Eli?
- What do we learn about Hannah and Elkanah? (18-19)
- Compare and Contrast Samuel's family with Eli's family?
  - Which family had the stronger faith? Who should have had it?
  - What effect might the behavior of Eli and his sons have had on Israel? How does the behavior of a pastor effect the members?

6 ☐ **Read 1 Samuel 2:22-26**

- Finally, Eli acts. What report does he hear? (22)
  - Again, what effect does this have on the congregation?
- What comment does he make? (23-25)
  - What observation does he make about sinning and mediators?
  - Did they listen to his warning?
- On the other hand, what comment is being made about Samuel? (26)
- What commentary might Samuel be making to the people of his day and to us about families and faith?

7 ☐ **Read 1 Samuel 2:27-36**

- An unnamed prophet comes to Eli. What does he tell him? (27-31)
  - What is going to happen to Eli's family?
  - Specifically, what would happen to Eli's sons? (34)
- What hope does the Prophet give? (35)
  - Who is this?

- Option 1 –
- Option 2 –
- Option 3 –
- Notice the word “anointed”. What does this mean? Why would it be used?
- Ultimately what is the contrast between Eli’s family and this “other” family.

#### 8 ☐ **Read 1 Samuel 3:1-9**

- Samuel serves the LORD at the temple. What sad comment is made in v. 1? Why?
- What time of day is it? (3) Where was Eli? Where was Samuel? What were they doing?
- What is Samuel’s response to being called? (4) Does this say anything about Samuel’s character?
  - What was Eli’s response to Samuel?
- This happens again. What comment is made about Samuel? What does this mean? (7)
- After a third time, what does Eli instruct? (8)
  - Do you think it would be hard for Samuel to lay back down after the third time? (9) What about Eli?

#### 9 ☐ **Read 1 Samuel 3:10-14**

- Samuel responds as Eli instructed. What was the response? (10)
  - Why is this important for every Christian?
  - Do we struggle with this? Examples?
- What does God tell Samuel? (11-12)
- What reasons does he give? (13-14)
  - Think of where we’ve come Phineas is commended for his zeal in Numbers 25 for what?
  - Now what punishment befalls Eli’s house?

#### 10 ☐ **Read 1 Samuel 3:10-14**

- How would you feel if you had to deliver this kind of message to Eli?
  - Is it hard sometimes to speak up and do the right thing?
  - Ironically, Eli is being punished for not doing what?
- How does Eli make it easy on Samuel? (17)
  - What does Samuel tell him? (18)
  - How would you respond to such a message? How does Eli respond? (18)
- What comment is made about Samuel? (19-20)
- What result happened to Israel because of Samuel? (21)
  - What lesson can we apply today?

#### 11 ☐ **To End All War**