

The Book of First Samuel: Chapters 2 & 3

Sunday, October 8 & Wednesday, October 11

Chapter 2 (Sunday, October 8)

- In **1 Samuel 2: 1 – 10**, what did Hannah say to praise God? What are the main points of her prayer, and what can we learn about thankfulness from Hannah?
- Describe the actions of Eli's sons regarding their portion of the sacrificial offerings (as recorded in **1 Samuel 2: 11 – 17**). How did this practice differ from what God's law had stipulated regarding the priests' portion of the offerings? (*Leviticus 7: 23 – 27; Leviticus 7: 31 – 34*)
- From **1 Samuel 2: 18 – 19**, how was Samuel dressed, and when did he get to see his family? (*Exodus 28: 5 – 14*)
- How did Eli bless Samuel's parents as recorded in **1 Samuel 2: 20 – 21**? What was the result, and how would this have been especially important to Hannah?
- From **1 Samuel 2: 22 – 25**, what other sin did Eli's sons commit? What did Eli do about his sons' sins, and how did his sons respond?
- In **1 Samuel 2: 26 – 28**, what historical perspective did the man of God provide to Eli regarding his service as a priest? (*Exodus 28: 1*)
- From **1 Samuel 2: 29 – 33**, what sin did God accuse Eli of committing, and what punishment would result for Eli's descendants?
- What sign would occur to prove God's determination to punish Eli's family (as recorded in **1 Samuel 2: 34 – 36**)? Who is the priest that would be raised up as a result? (*1 Kings 2: 26 – 27; Hebrews 7: 12 – 17*)

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Chapter 3 (Wednesday, October 11)

- From **1 Samuel 3: 1**, describe the situation regarding the people's knowledge of God's word. How can we relate to that situation?
(*Amos 8: 11 – 12*)
- In **1 Samuel 3: 2 – 8**, how did God communicate with Samuel, and who did Samuel think was speaking to him? How many times did this happen, and who finally realized that it was God who was speaking to Samuel?
(*Genesis 22: 1; Exodus 3: 4*)
- As recorded in **1 Samuel 3: 9 – 10**, how did Eli instruct Samuel to respond the next time that God called him? Based on Eli's instructions, how did Samuel respond to God the next time He called?
- Summarize God's message to Samuel as recoded in **1 Samuel 3: 11 – 14**. What consequences would come upon Eli's family? (*1 Samuel 2: 31 – 34*)
- From **1 Samuel 3: 15**, what was Samuel's response to the message that God had delivered to him? Why was he afraid to tell Eli the message, and how can we relate to Samuel's hesitancy as it pertains to our willingness to share God's word with others? (*2 Timothy 4: 2*)
- In **1 Samuel 3: 16 – 18**, what did Eli want from Samuel the next morning, and how did Samuel respond to Eli's demand? How would you characterize Eli's response to God's message?
- How is Samuel's relationship with God described in **1 Samuel 3: 19 – 21**?
(*Isaiah 55: 11*)