

1 Samuel

Chapter 1

1- There was a man of Ramathaim-Zophim (er-Ram) of mount Ephraim and his name was Elkanah the son of Yeroham the son of Elihu the son of Tohu the son of Zuph an Ephrathite.

2- And he had two wives the name of the first was Hannah and the second was Peninnah and Peninnah had children but Hannah did not have children.

3- And this man went up from his city regularly to worship and sacrifice to Yahowah Zabaoth in Shiloh and the two sons of Eli were there, Haphnie and Phinehas

Chapter 2

30- Therefore this is what Yahoah God of Israel says, I did say that your house and the house of your father should walk before me forever but now declares Yahoah far be it from me for they that honor me I will honor and they that despise me will be accursed¹.

Chapter 3

2-And at that time Eli had laid down in his place and his eyes had become dim, he could not see².

¹ The notion that God does not retain the right to cut men off because of their sin and transgression is proven wrong once again by this passage. When men abuse the mercy and goodness of God they will continue just so far and the Father will bring a stop to it. Whether it be Nadab and Abihu who brought strange fire into the house of the Lord refusing to walk in the consecration of His house or Hophni and Phinehas who made themselves fat off of the offerings of God and ate of the consecrated things before they were offered to God. Not to mention Ananias and Shapphira who lied to the Holy Spirit over the offering that they had consecrated. In every case those who refused to give reverence and honor to God and those things consecrated to Him were severally cut off.

We live in a day of such great rebellion where supposed leaders cry out "everyman to his tent" and thus dishonor God's house and His ministers. Even as God raised up the tabernacle in the wilderness He raised up the church and the ordinances and ministry of the church today. Those who believe that they can kick at the consecrated things of God and of the order of His household are terribly wrong for there is a certain fiery judgment awaiting their sin even as it awaited Korah and those in league with him. Be warned and turn away from such evil men who will not only rob you of your money but also of your walk with God. Turn to that which the Lord has established and which is firmly built upon the rock Christ Jesus. Consecrate yourselves to living by the word of God and honoring those things which the Father has given honor to lest you find yourself fighting against God and accursed (Galatians 1:8-9; 1 John 2:19; 4:6).

² The sin of Eli and of His sons had brought Israel to a place of utter defeat and ruin. Eli's sons had caused the people of Israel to despise the offerings of God and Eli failed in his responsibility to govern and discipline them. The situation could not be described in any more of a subtle yet desperate way. Eli having laid down in the bed of his affliction having his eyes defiled so that he could no longer see was unaware

- 3- The lamp of God had not yet gone out and Samuel was laid down in the temple of Yahoah where the ark of God was.
- 4- And Yahoah called unto Samuel and he said, Here am I.
- 5- And he ran to Eli and said, Here am I for you called to me and he said I did not call you return and lie down and he went and lay down.
- 6- And continuing again Yahoah called Samuel and Samuel rose up and went to Eli and he said, Here am I for you called me and he said I did not call you my son go lay down.
- 7- And Samuel did not yet know Yahoah and the word of Yahoah was not yet revealed to him.
- 8- And again Yahoah called to Samuel the third time and again he went to Eli and he said, Here am I for you called me and eli realized that Yahoah called to the young man.
- 9- And Eli said to Samuel go lay down and if it happens that he calls to you then you shall say speak Yahoah for your servant is listening and Samuel went and lied down in his place.
- 10- And Yahoah came and stood and called as he had done before Samuel and Samuel said speak for your servant is listening.

Chapter 6

- 13- And Beth Shemesh harvesting the wheat harvest in the valley and they lifted up their eyes and they saw the ark and they rejoiced to see it.
- 14- And the cart came unto the field of Joshua a Beth-shemite and stood there and there was a great rock and they chopped up the wood of the cart and they offered the heifers as a whole burnt offering to Yahoah.
- 15- And the Levites took down the ark of Yahoah and the chest that was with it which had in it the vessels of gold and they set it upon the great rock and the men of Beth-shemesh caused to ascend burnt offerings sacrificed sacrifices the same day to Yahoah.
- 16- And the five rulers of the Philistines saw it and returned to Ekron the same day.

that the lamp of God was about ready to go out in the midst of God's people. Eli's lethargy and despondence to God is captured by his response to the judgment of God with the words " let him do what seems best to him" (1 Samuel 3:18). Yet resting in the Holy Place next to the Ark of God was a young man who was consecrated to God. The voice of God was about to be made known to the one who had ministered to the Lord under the authority of Eli. The consecrated child who was totally devoted to the service of the Lord was about to stand up in the midst of Gods people with the greatest manifestation of the word and revelation of God sense Moses. Samuel who was responsible to keep the light of God burning in the temple was himself about to become a light to the nations. He would learn to hear the word of the Lord by the audible voice of the Almighty calling out to him in that holy and consecrated place.

We may all rest assured that even though the glorious worship center of the house of God seems to be benign and on the verge of loosing every resemblance of the presence of God there is an Almighty God more devoted to His church than anyone else. He will come and speak to those who are consecrated to hear His voice and through that raise up those who will do great exploits (Daniel 11:32). Out of His on mighty love and faithfulness He will raise up His servants who will speak His word faithfully and do His will. There is no power whether political or religious that will be able to prevent what our heavenly Father has set in His heart to do. There is a lost and dying world that slips deeper into darkness and apostasy everyday but there is a faithful God who will raise up His servants. Let us all pray that the glorious church will once again shine bright with the fire of God's presence in our midst. Let everyone of us give ourselves as those who are called and consecrated to the service of His kingdom so that His lovingkindness and truth may be revealed in our lives.

17- And these tumors of gold which the Philistines returned as a trespass offering to Yahoah: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Askelon and one for Gath