

GOD RAISES A FAITHFUL PRIEST

1 Samuel 2:11-36

Key verse 35

Discussion questions:

- What can we learn about God who raises faithful priests?
- How can we prevent our children and ourselves from getting corrupt? (Ps 2:11, Ps 5:7, Prov 1:7)

Inductive study questions:

1. Describe the practices of Eli's sons regarding taking meat from the Israelites. (12-17) How did this practice differ from what God's law had said about support of priests? (cf. Lev 3:3, 5; 7:30-34) In what sense did they despise the offering? (Ex 29:27-28)
2. What does it mean to "minister to the Lord"? (11,18) What is the significance of the way Samuel was dressed? How did God bless Samuel's parents? (20-21) How would this have been especially important to Hannah?
3. What other sin did Eli's sons commit? (22) What can we learn about how religious wickedness is associated with moral wickedness? What did Eli do about his sons' sins and how did they respond? (23-25) What did a man of God say God had done for the house of Eli's father? (27-28)
4. What sin did God accuse Eli of? (29) How might we commit this sin? What punishment would come on Eli's descendants? (30-34) What priest is referred to in verses 35-36? What character of God is revealed through promising a faithful priest despite men's wickedness?