



Samuel's Preparation – Part 1 (1 Sam 2) *Questions: Week Two*

Hannah Dedicates Samuel - [1 Samuel 1:21-2:11](#)¹

Topics: [Faithfulness](#), [Joy](#), [Judgment](#), [Praise](#), [Sacrifice](#), [Separation](#), [Sovereignty](#), [Strength](#), [Vows](#)

Open It

1. Why is it often easier to make a promise than to carry it through?
2. *What are some modern-day instances of a total reversal of fortune?
3. What examples of human arrogance do you see in the world around you?

Explore It

4. Why did Hannah want to stay behind when the rest of the family went to offer the annual sacrifice? ([1:22](#))
5. How did Elkanah react to Hannah's plan? ([1:23](#))
6. What was his main concern? ([1:23](#))
7. *What did Hannah take along with the child to the house of the Lord? ([1:24](#))
8. What was the purpose of these items? ([1:25](#))
9. *How did Hannah explain her vow and its fulfillment? ([1:25-28](#))
10. *What was the prevailing emotion of Hannah's prayer? ([2:1](#))
11. In what way had her position changed with respect to her rival within the family? ([2:1](#))
12. What is one trait of God's character which particularly inspired Hannah's praise? ([2:2](#))
13. What is the ultimate answer for human arrogance? ([2:3](#))
14. What are some of the total reversals named by Hannah as acts of God? ([2:4-8](#))
15. How do the poor and downtrodden of the earth ultimately fare with God? ([2:8](#))

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16. How does human strength weigh in against the judgment of God? ([2:9-10](#))

17. Which of Hannah's praises foreshadowed the coming of Messiah? ([2:10](#))

18. How did Samuel's life change? ([2:11](#))

Get It

19. *How do you imagine Hannah felt about carrying through with her promise?

20. How would it feel to be delivered or vindicated by God?

21. *Why is it important to remind ourselves that God is the source of all good gifts?

22. Why is God opposed to those who are proud and self-important?

23. In what ways do we seek to enhance our strength or security in earthly terms?

Apply It

24. What vow or promise to God do you need to see through to completion?

25. What instance of pride or unhealthy self-reliance do you need to confess today?

26. *What unique act of divine reversal can channel your praises to God this week?

Eli's Wicked Sons - [1 Samuel 2:12-36](#)²

Topics: [Accountability](#), [Consequences](#), [Disobedience](#), [Faithfulness](#), [Family](#), [Greed](#), [Immorality](#), [Injustice](#), [Position](#), [Punishment](#)

Open It

1. What sins are particularly abhorrent when committed by Christian leaders?
2. *To what extent do you think parents should be held accountable when their children break the law?

Explore It

3. *How does the passage describe Eli's sons? ([2:12](#))
4. How were the priests claiming more than their share of the people's sacrifices? ([2:13-15](#))
5. If anyone sought to argue with them, how did the servants of the priests respond? ([2:16](#))
6. Why did the taking of the meat before the burnt offering particularly grieve the Lord? ([2:17](#))
7. What sign of remembrance did Hannah take with her to the yearly sacrifice? ([2:19](#))
8. How were Hannah and Elkanah blessed for their faithfulness? ([2:20-21](#))
9. What was reported to Eli about his sons' behavior? ([2:22](#))
10. *What did Eli do about his sons' sinful practices? ([2:23-24](#))
11. How did the sons respond to Eli's rebuke? ([2:25](#))
12. What characterized Samuel's childhood years? ([2:26](#))
13. Who brought a message to Eli about the conditions in God's house? ([2:27](#))
14. How did Eli's family come into the priesthood in the first place? ([2:28](#))
15. What three questions did the man of God ask of Eli? ([2:27-29](#))
16. In what specific ways was the house of Eli cursed by God? ([2:30-33](#))
17. What sign did God promise to send to show His displeasure with Eli's family? ([2:34](#))
18. *How did God propose to remedy the tragic situation in His house? ([2:35](#))

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Get It

19. How can the blessings of God be revoked?
20. Why is faithfulness such a valuable quality to God?
21. *What does God mean by the pronouncement, "you honor your sons more than me"?
22. *How might Eli have responded differently to reports of his sons' behavior?
23. In what ways do parents need to take responsibility for their children's behavior?
24. What kind of person does God seek to serve Him?

Apply It

25. What blessing that you have regarded as a "birthright" can become a reason for humble praise this week?
26. What blessings have you taken for granted for which you want to praise God?
27. *How can you begin now to teach your family the proper fear of God?
28. What act of faithfulness can you perform that will remind someone in ministry of your love and support?