

**“WILL YOU HONOR THE LORD WITH YOUR LIFE,
OR WILL YOU DESPISE HIM?”**

(1 Samuel 2)

I. THE BIRTH OF SAMUEL

II. THE PROPER FUNCTION OF A GODLY WOMAN

III. THE PROFILE OF A GODLY MOTHER

* Hannah's praise to Jehovah (2:1-11)

IV. THE CHILDHOOD OF SAMUEL

A. The CORRUPTION of the Priesthood (2:12-17)

1. God's evaluation of Eli's sons was that...

a. they were _____.

b. they did _____ the Lord personally .

* What are some of the ways that this was demonstrated in the offering?

2. God's and man's evaluation of Hophni and Phinehas' sin was that...

a. it was _____ before the Lord.

b. for men _____ of the Lord.

B. The CONTRAST of Samuel's family (2:18-21, 26)

In stark contrast to Eli's two sons...

1. Samuel _____ before the Lord, even as a child.

2. Samuel's family was _____ to the Lord and _____ blessed by God.
3. Samuel grew in _____ and in _____ both with the Lord and with men.

* What does this teach you?

C. The CRITICISM of Eli's Sons by their father (2:22-26)

1. Eli's rebuke was _____, _____, and completely _____.
2. Hophni and Phinehas did not _____ their father's _____, so the Lord was inclined to put them _____.

* A warning to parents:

D. The CONDEMNATION by God of the Priesthood (2:27-36)

A man of God acting as the Lord's representative...

1. rebukes Eli for _____ his sons _____ the Lord.

* What judgment by God was promised?

2. rebukes Eli's sons for their _____ sin, promising that one day they will _____.

* What did God promise He would replace them with?

* What can you learn from all of this?