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Samuel Judges Israel

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Lesson 52

Samuel Judges Israel The First Book of Samuel, chapters 1 through 6

Memory Verse

"For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him."

1 Samuel 1:27

Historical Summary

Every devout mother in Israel desired to have children. They were taught that a son would one day be born who would be a Savior, and every mother desired to be the mother of the Messiah. That is why Hannah prayed in the bitterness of her soul. She vowed that if God would give her a son, she would dedicate him to the Lord.

When Samuel was born, Hannah kept her vow and dedicated him in the house of God in Shiloh. But it was a wicked time in Israel. Many people did not serve the Lord. Even the service



of God was polluted by the priests. Eli's sons were among those wicked priests. And Eli himself did not have the courage to rebuke or to restrain his son's wickedness. God used Samuel to rebuke Eli for this negligence.

Samuel was a faithful boy. From his youth, he showed respect for his elders, and he held God's service in reverence. The Lord spoke to the young boy in a remarkable way in the middle of the night and told him to warn Eli of his wicked neglect. Samuel also said that God would bring judgment upon all Israel.

The Philistines were constant enemies of Israel. Often the Lord used this heathen nation to punish the people of Israel when they went astray. In one battle, 4,000 men of Israel were slain. All Israel was stunned. How could this happen? They thought that the reason they lost was because they did not take the ark of God with them into battle. So they fetched and brought the ark of God, but they still were defeated. The two sons of Eli were also killed, and the ark itself was captured by the Philistines. Eli was sad when he heard his sons had died, but when heard the ark of God was taken, he fell backward off his seat, and also died.

The Philistines took the ark of God and brought it to the house of Dagon their god. But God's judgments came upon them for doing so wickedly. First, Dagan fell down broken and then the

Philistine men were stricken with painful emerods. It became clear that it was not Dagon who helped them, but that these emerods were perhaps sent in punishment by the God of Israel. So they tried to find a way to get rid of the ark.

To test to see if the ark of God was a curse to them, they devised a plan. The ark of God did not belong to them, and judgment rested upon them to prove that God Jehovah was still on the throne.

The Gospel in the Old Testament

God had promised Abraham that from his seed a Savior would be born. A Messiah was to come which would redeem Israel and bring salvation to lost and guilty sinners, both Jews and Gentiles. This promise was embraced by faith by all those in whom God's Spirit had taught them their need of such a Redeemer. It was the desire of godly women throughout the Old Testament to be the mother, or at least the ancestor of the Promised One. For this reason, it was especially discouraging for a woman to live and die childless. This desire was also at the root of Hannah's prayer in the temple.

Throughout both books of Samuel, we see the development of a nation who were set apart, and given covenant privileges in which they received prophets, priests, and kings. Christ came to fulfill all those offices. He was a prophet to teach, a priest to sacrifice, and a king to reign. The interaction of these three offices was to portray the One to come. Sadly, Israel often failed in showing that picture. For this reason, the Lord had to often come to rebuke and correct. Only then was their existence a light to the nations around them.

Questions

- 1. Choose the names of Elkanah's two wives
 - a. Rachel and Leah
 - b. Hannah and Hagar
 - c. Hannah and Peninnah
 - d. Ruth and Orpah
- 2. Why was Hannah filled with grief?
 - a. She lost her sons and her husband.
 - b. The ark of God was taken.
 - c. She did not have a son.
 - d. Someone had stolen her idols.
- 3. What did Hannah promise to do if she would receive a son?
 - a. She would dedicate him to the Lord.
 - b. She would make him a great warrior.
 - c. She would make him an ark of bulrushes.
 - d. She would buy him a coat of many colors.

- 4. Why did Samuel have to rebuke Eli?
 - a. Because he was a wicked king.
 - b. Because he did not correct his sons.
 - c. He refused to lead Israel's battles.
 - d. Because he did not care about the ark of God.
- 5. What did Israel think would happen when the ark of God was brought into the camp?
 - a. They thought the Philistines would capture it.
 - b. They thought God would help them win the war.
 - c. They thought Samuel would be very pleased.
 - d. They thought Eli's sons would repent.

Discussions

1. What happened to Eli's sons, to the ark, and to Eli himself? Show from this that the victory over the Philistines was withheld because of their sin.

2. What happened to the men of Ekron while the ark was there? Why was the ark a curse to them?

3. Before Israel could be successful over the Philistines, what had to be done?

4. Why did Samuel set up a stone and call it Ebenezer?

5. Why did the people of Israel want to have a king? How was this desire both an insult to Samuel and a sin against the Lord?

6. What is meant by Saul receiving another heart, but not a new heart?