

## **EACH ONE! BLESS ONE! YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

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*Even our love for our family, our pastor, or bishop,  
or our church cannot be put before our honoring of Father God.*

“21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD. 22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. 24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people to transgress. 25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

26 And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men. 27 And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? 28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? 30 Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. 31 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

32 And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for

ever. 33 And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age. 34 And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.

35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever. 36 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thine house shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread."

1 SAMUEL 2:21-36 (KJ)

**A Faithful Priest.** Are we living as one whom God will raise up? Do we know what is in the heart and mind of God? Are we spending the time in prayer and the Word to hear His voice? Do we truly know the Lord? As we read through **1 Samuel chapter 2** we see that Eli's sons did not know the Lord. They saw their position as priests as a means to earn a living and satisfy their fleshly desires. They demanded the best for themselves; leaving the second best for God. Their actions caused the men of Israel to abhor the offering of the Lord and so their sin was very great before the Lord. (vs. 17). **"Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD."** 1 Samuel 2:35 (KJ)

Down through the centuries the office of pastor or minister has likewise been used by many as their means of support, their occupation, their career; as a way to gain power, wealth, and position. The focus so easily becomes "how can this meet my needs". God delights to meet our needs but He calls us to be focused on seeking first His kingdom, not seeking first the meeting of our needs. To take up our cross daily and follow Christ, die to self in serving a holy God and giving our all, our best, to Him.

**"Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind..."** 1 Samuel 2:35 (KJ)

God's judgment on Eli and his sons was severe. Although Eli rebuked his sons for their sin he did not want them to suffer the loss of their position and means of support and so failed to remove them from being priests before God - thus he

was guilty of honoring his sons more than God and so partook in their sins and their judgment (vs. 29). God declares **"those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed"** (vs. 30). Even our love for our family can not be put before our honoring of God.

Samuel honored God, revered Him as holy, listened to and obeyed His voice **"so Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the Lord ... for the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord"** 1 Samuel 3:19-21 (KJ).

As God has revealed Himself to us let us keep well away from the ways of Eli's sons, and even from Eli's sin of honoring our loved ones more than God; may we instead follow Samuel's example of walking with God and speaking His word - of being a faithful minister who shall do according to what is in God's heart and God's mind.

**Prayer:** Holy Father, may Your name be honored above all else. Teach me to do according to what is in Your heart and Your mind. Jesus, our great high priest, did only that which He saw the Father doing - He is both my example and the One who lives in me, empowering me by the Holy Spirit, to likewise know, love and obey You. May Your will be done through my life. I choose to lay all down that I may follow You, for You alone are worthy and Yours is the power and the glory forever, amen.

## TO BE RAISED UP FOR GOD



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