33 The Honorable Vessel, Samuel



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. Then the Lord appeared again in Shiloh. For the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord. (1 Samuel 3: 19-21)

Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you return to the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from among you, and prepare your hearts for the Lord, and serve Him only; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines." So the children of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtoreths, and served the Lord only. And Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray to the Lord for you." (1 Samuel 7: 3-5)

Samuel was born as a result of Hannah's earnest prayer during her childless years. As Hannah promised God, Samuel became a Nazirite who never put a razor on his head and his life was given to God. At this time the sons of the chief priest Eli did not serve God but rather despised the offerings to God. They were eventually judged by God. On contrary, Samuel served God dearly even at his young age and was favored both by God and people as he grew. Eventually Samuel took over the priesthood from Eli and became a precious vessel used by God. When the children of Israel lost the Ark of the Covenant to Philistines due to their transgressions and hypocrisy against God, Samuel told the house of Israel to put away the foreign gods but to serve only God of Israel. Israel even defeated Philistines as Samuel gathered the people of Israel to Mitpah to pray with a burnt offering. Samuel appoints and anoints kings at his later year to fulfill the desire of the people of Israel. Samuel appointed Saul as the first king of Israel, followed by king David and lived the rest of his life looking upon the Christ, the true King who is to come in the end.



Fellowship

01. Samuel's growing process was different from the sons of Eli. This actually became the foundation of utilization by God. How did they grow up?

Eli's Sons (1 Samuel 2:12-17)

Samuel (1 Samuel 2:18-21, 26)

02. By the transgression of Eli's household, the word of God was removed from his household. Now the word of God no longer dwelt with Eli but with Samuel. What is the reason for the judgment on Eli's household? (1 Samuel 3:13, Rev 2:5)

03. What did Samuel say to the children of Israel in order for them to overcome Philistines after they recovered the Art of the Covenant from Philistines? (1 Samuel 7:3)

04. If I am separated from God right now because of my sin, what must I do to restore my relationship with Him? (Colossians 3:7-9, 1 John 1:6-9)

Memory Verse(s)

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. (2 Timothy 2: 20-21)



{ Looking back }

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Today's prayer

Thankfulness/Repentance
/Earnest request

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