

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTER 1:1-11

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“It’s Time to Trust God Because...”

THE THEME OF BOOK:

I Samuel 1:1-11

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Faith, Trust, Difficulty, Discipleship

INTRODUCTION

to the text

I Samuel 1:1-11

Introduction to the Book

A book full of action and characters. A book that takes us deep into the inter-relationships of kings and queens and soldiers and generals, shepherds and prophets.

The Times:

For some 350 years judges had governed Israel. This book covers a time frame of 115 years, from the childhood of Samuel to the reign of King David. At a time of Israel’s darkest ages, Samuel was ordained by God to call His people back to a heart of true worship!

*Samuel is both the last of the judges
and the first of the prophets*

The Authorship:

Samuel, a man dedicated to God from birth, and Israel’s last judge. He has been known as the “The King Maker” because he anoints both Saul and David to the throne of Israel. Samuel authors the bulk of the book(s) until after his death -- and assistants finished the record.

1 Chronicles 29:29-30

29 Now the acts of King David, from first to last, are written in the chronicles of Samuel the seer, in the chronicles of Nathan the prophet, and in the chronicles of Gad the seer..

Samuel

“Heard of God (God listens to Samuel) or God Heard the cries”

Samuel’s Position with God

Jeremiah 15:1

Then the LORD said to me, "Even if Moses and Samuel stood before Me, My mind would not be favorable toward this people. Cast them out of My sight.

Psalm 99:6

Moses and Aaron were among His priests, And **Samuel was among those who called upon His name**; They called upon the LORD, and **He answered them**.

Acts 3:24

Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days.

Acts 13:19-21

After that He gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. 21 And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul

The Principle Theme:

1. The calling of God upon the life of a believer.
2. The effects of sin and righteousness upon God’s people.
3. The damages of a corrupt priesthood

1 Samuel 1:2-3

This man (Eli) went up from his city yearly to worship and sacrifice to the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. **Also the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.**

Hophni and Phinehas

Men created and ordained by God to lead God’s people closer to Him had become corrupt

Corrupt Leaders

Hophni and Phinehas

1 Samuel 4:19-21

And Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her. 20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it. 21 And she named the child **I-chabod**, saying, **The glory has departed from Israel:**

!! When The Glory Departs !!

God Calls People to His Ministry

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

!! When The Glory Departs !!

The glory departs when a man or men begin to lay hold of the work of God

1 Corinthians 4:8-13

9 For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. 10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! 11 To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. 12 And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; 13 being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

It's Time to Trust God Because...

1) Difficulties are Ordained by God

vv.1-11

It's Time to Trust God Because...

a) Situations have their difficulties

v.1-4

Now there was a **certain man** of Ramathaim Zofim, of the mountains of Ephraim, and his name was El'kanah the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. 2 And he had two wives: the name of one was Ha'-nah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, **but Ha'-nah had no children**. 3 This man went up from his city yearly to worship and sacrifice to the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. Also the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there. 4 And whenever the time came for Elkanah to make an offering, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters

Elkanah

A man from no-where (now-here)

Difficulties and Hardships

James 1:2-4

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

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Hannah's Heart was Broken at the Feast of Joy

(In Gatherings or Tabernacles)

Leviticus 7:11-15

11'This is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which he shall offer to the LORD: 12 If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer, with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil. 13 Besides the cakes, as his offering he shall offer leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering. 14 And from it he shall offer one cake from each offering as a heave offering to the LORD. It shall belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offering. 15'The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day it is offered.

Acts 14:21-23

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

It's Time to Trust God Because...

b) Relationships have their difficulties

v.5-8

5 But to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, although the LORD had closed her womb. 6 And her rival also provoked her severely, to make her miserable, because the LORD had closed her womb. 7 So it was, year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, that she provoked her; therefore she wept and did not eat. 8 Then Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? And why is your heart grieved? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

Jewish Scholars Teach That Hannah was Elkanah's First Wife,
Unable to bare him a son, he marries a baby machine when he married Peninnah

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For he loved Hannah

BUT

Although the LORD had closed her womb.

A Divided House and Home

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because the LORD had closed her womb.

Proverbs 30:15-16

There are three things that are never satisfied,
Four never say, "Enough! 16 The grave, and The barren womb,

- Sarah's womb = Isaac
- Rachael's womb = Joseph and Benjamin
 - Menoah = Samson
 - Hannah's womb = Samuel
- Elizabeth's womb = John the Baptist

Luke 1:6-7

But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years

Luke 1:35-37

36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible."

Romans 4:19-21

19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God (24 years) through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

Note This:

Some of you have never had children

Her Barrenness was ordained by God

1 Samuel 1:4-5

for the LORD had closed her womb

Genesis 29:31

When the LORD saw that Leah was unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel was barren.

Note This: Some of you have lost your children

Isaiah 57:1

The righteous perisheth, and no man taketh it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

Job 9:3-10

3 If one wished to contend with Him, He could not answer Him one time out of a thousand. 4 God is wise in heart and mighty in strength. Who has hardened himself against Him and prospered? 5 He removes the mountains, and they do not know When He overturns them in His anger; 6 He shakes the earth out of its place, And its pillars tremble; 7 He commands the sun, and it does not rise; He seals off the stars; 8 He alone spreads out the heavens, And treads on the waves of the sea; 9 He made the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, And the chambers of the south; 10 He does great things past finding out, Yes, wonders without number.

Romans 11:33-34

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?"

He is LORD

It's Time to Trust God Because...

c) Devotion has its difficulties

v.9-11

IT'S HARD TO BE A CHRISTIAN

9 So Hannah arose after they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the tabernacle of the LORD. 10 And she was in **bitterness of soul**, and prayed to the LORD and **wept in anguish**. 11 Then she made **a vow** and said, "O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head."

Obedience in light of Pain

She was to be rejoicing in God with thanksgiving

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bitterness of soul

Pressured, discontent, smothered, heavy, angry



and she wept in anguish

bakah (baw-kaw') - bewail, to erupt with suppressed lamentation, to mourn.

Worship in light of Sorrow

Then she made a vow

She offers a promise to God in total devotion

Psalm 15:4

God honors those who fear the LORD;
They who vow to their own hurt and does not change

Hebrews 13:15

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.



Hannah heb (khan-naw' - grace)
special, chosen, one favored by God

The Grace of God is Always Enough

2 Corinthians 12:8-10

Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made **perfect** in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may **rest upon me**. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.



Perfectgrk teleitai - present passive indicative of teleoo
Meaning "Power is continually increased as the weakness grows. Thus, human weakness open the way for more of Christ's power and grace to ones life and situation".



rest upon me grk Paul himself by a bold metaphor, as if the Shekinah of the Lord was overshadowing him

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