

# FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

## CHAPTER 1:21-2:17

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### **“Worship at War!” – Part 2**

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**INTRODUCTION**

*to the text*

*I Samuel 1:21-2:17*

## The Bible Is Filled With Acts of **War** But it’s also a Bible of **Worship**

Joshua 6:2-5

And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of war. 3 You shall march around the city, all your men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. 4 And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat.

**“Regrettably - Worship is Rarely linked to Spiritual Warfare in the Life of the Believer...”**

### **“Worship at War!”**

**1.) *God’s way of waging war***

**a.) *It’s not up to human logic***

**b.) *It's not up for human debate***

**c.) *It's not up to human powers***

24 Now when she (hannah) had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls, one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD in Shiloh. And the child was young... and brought the child to Eli.

## **Acts of Worship are Acts of War To the spiritual realm**

# **Children Presented to the Lord,**

**To Me the Greatest Act of Worship that a Parent Could Offer...**

The scripture is filled with mothers and fathers who dedicated their children to God. Many times even before birth...

Jeremiah 1:5

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

It was true of Jeremiah, It was True of Moses, It was True of Paul  
*...and of each one of us !!!*

**2.) *The believers path to victory***

**a.) *Is to desire God's glory***

**vv.27-28**

27 For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. 28 Therefore I also have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the LORD." So they worshiped the LORD there.

**b.) *Is to trust God's plan***

**v.6**

"The LORD kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up.

**c.) *Is to express God's praise***

**v.1**

And Hannah prayed and said:

"My heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD.

# Praise is an **External** Display of **Internal** Worship

Psalm 32:11-33:1

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous;  
And **shout** for joy, all you upright in heart!

Ezra 3:9-11

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the ordinance of David king of Israel. 11 And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever toward Israel." Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

## “Worship at War!”

### 3.) *Our line of offense*

a.) *Is to know His Word*

(*command*)

v.3

For the LORD is the God of knowledge;

b.) *Is to live with Jesus daily*

(*conduct*)

v.3

### *Verse 3*

"No one is holy like the LORD, For there is none besides You,  
Nor is there any rock like our God.

c.) *Is spiritual worship*

(*commitment*)

vv.12-17

## The Flesh is Corrupt – and Cannot Worship

12 Now the sons of Eli were **corrupt**; they did not know the LORD.

16 they would take the offering by force.

17 Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD, for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

# Because of their Abuses, People Began to Despise The Worship of God

## Ministry Abuses

#1

When the leaders **forget** God – *so will the people*  
(mindful) (spirit-less living)

#2

When they begin to **personalize** the Ministry – *so will the people*  
(it's not because of them)

#3

When leadership fails to **pass the torch** to children– *so will the people*

#4

When they neglect to **pray** with or for their children– *so will the people*

#5

When they **lose sight** of the people they serve– *so will the people*

#6

When they fail to **know the Lord** – *so will the people*

2 Timothy 3:1-5

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

John 4:22-24

23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; **for the Father is seeking such** to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

## Worship at War

**Like a covering, true worship provides a protection from evil, not an exemption, but protection from those things which are against us.**

Romans 8:32-39

33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter....."

...37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Samuel 2:17-19

Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD, for men abhorred the offering of the LORD. 18 But Samuel ministered before the LORD, even as a child, wearing a linen ephod. 19 Moreover his mother used to make him a little robe, and bring it to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

# ?? What Do We Do ??

The End