

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTER 4:1-11

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

I Samuel 4:1-11

It has been said that "So goes a Family, So goes the Nation."

For Better or For Worse – That Statement Has Proven to be True, The "Critical Condition" of an individual, a family, or a Nation is of the greatest importance. One reason is because an individual's relationship with God determines every other aspect of life.

We're Looking at I Samuel 4:1-11 And the tragic downfall of one man who failed to lead his sons in the way of the Lord, whose son led a nation away from true spiritual worship, which in turn led a nation away from following God

We're Looking at Ten (10) steps that lead us to Spiritual Decay

"When The Glory Has Departed"

1.) *There Will Be No Spiritual Word*

Chapter 3:1

1 Samuel 3:1

Then the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And **the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.**

a.) *There will be no appetite for the Bible*

And the word of Samuel came to all Israel BUT They Failed to Heed..

b.) *There will be no personal application*

c.) *There will be no change in life*

And Israel was defeated by the Philistines

AN EMOTIONALLY "CHARGED" LIFE

And when the people had come into the camp, the elders of Israel said,
"Why has the LORD defeated us"

BUT NOT A SPIRITUALLY "CHANGED" LIFE

Our Study Begins Here with Part 2

When the Glory has Departed

2.) *There Will Be No Spiritual Worship*

1 SAMUEL 2:16-17

The priesthood was corrupt in that they would rob the sacrifices of the LORD from the people saying "**give the offering to me now or I'll take it by force.**" 17 So the sin of these young men was very great in the eyes of the Lord; for they treated the people's offerings to the Lord lightly and with contempt.

1.) *There Will Be No Spiritual Word*

Chapter 3:1

John 4:23-24

"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. "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

WHEN THERE IS NO SPIRITUAL **WORD**, THERE WILL BE NO SPIRITUAL **WORSHIP**

Where there is No "True Worship"
There Will Certainly Be "False Worship"

An Imposter of Worship Will Arise

Either dead worship or false worship will fill in the gap

**The Samaritans of Jesus' Day Had
Passionate, Bold, and Committed Worship**

John 4:22

"You worship what you do not know"

As an Entire Convocation of People, A Church,
We Must Be A Worshipping People

A Worshipper is a Conqueror
and a Conqueror is one under Orders to Serve

Like The One-Man-Band, Wind-Up Toy
So should the Christian be in this world

Worship While You Can Because...

There will be **No Witnessing** in Heaven

There will be **No Homeless** in Heaven

There will be **No Crusades** in Heaven

There will be **No Counseling** in Heaven

There will be **No Funerals** in Heaven

There will be **No Prayer** Meetings in Heaven

There Will Be No Spiritual Worship

a.) False Worship Will Arise

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"Let us bring **the ark of the covenant of the LORD** from Shiloh to us, that when **it comes** among us **it may save** us from the hand of our enemies." 3 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from there **the ark of the covenant of the LORD** of hosts, ((who dwells between the cherubim.))

THEY SET THEIR EYES ON A THING,
THE ICON, SYMBOL OF GOD

Romans 1:25

These exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

False Worship Will Always Lead a Man Astray

Romans 1:25

Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man-- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 These exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with

men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

What Should True Worship Look Like?

It will be scriptural

It will be attractive

It will be Christ exalting

It will be humbling

It will be renewing

Psalm 8:3-4

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?

Psalm 4:4

Stand before the Lord in awe, and do not sin against him. Lie quietly upon your bed in silent meditation.

There Will Be No Spiritual Worship

b.) Self-Promoting Worship

- Omni-directional (+/-)
- Man centered
- Emotionally based
- It will not be costly - sacrificial

Worship will not be a Priority

"It's just worship" - "as long as we get there before the last song"

Philippians 3:17-19

Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. 18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame-- who set their mind on earthly things.

Psalm 100:4-5

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

Isaiah 55:12

"For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

There Will Be No Spiritual Worship

c.) *Surrogate Worship*

“*Surrogate*” Replacement or a Substitute Presence

**Let the Choir Worship,
I’ll Watch & Listen**

Matthew 15:7-9

"Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me..

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