

**SAMUEL PART I**  
**I SAMUEL CHAPTERS 1-2-3**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

- Samuel was an amazing prophet and leader.
- Acts 13:20, "... He gave *them* judges until Samuel the prophet..."
- Samuel's life was a bridge, a lifeline to a new generation.
- Israel was under constant attack and the people were desperate for a leader.
- Judges 21:25, "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

**I. THE HEART OF A GODLY MOTHER**

- Samuel's mom paid a high price to help the people.
- Her husband Elkanah, a Levite, had two wives. His wife Hannah was barren.
- Hannah's prayer was specific and heart wrenching, but she persevered.
- Vs. 15 - "...I have poured out my soul..."
- Out of her brokenness, God gave her life.
- Mark 11:24, Jesus said, "Have faith in God...things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be *granted* you."
- Vs. 18 - She then went home joyfully.
- Vs. 20 - Samuel means, "Asked of the Lord."

**II. THE SONG OF VICTORY**

- Throughout the Bible there are songs that we read and often miss that they are songs.
- Often songs of victory written by women who trusted God and won the battle.

- I Samuel 2:1-3, "Then Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord...there is no one holy like the Lord, indeed, there is no one besides You, nor is there any rock like our God..."
- I Samuel 2 consists of two things: A song of victory over a boy God would use greatly and the story of two boys who were greedy and failed.

**III. WHEN FATHER'S AND SON'S FAIL**

- Vss. 12-17 – Eli's son's greed killed their destiny.
- Vss. 22-25 - Eli failed to do the right thing though he said the right thing.
- Don't underestimate not disciplining your children...
- I Timothy 3:4, "... <sup>5</sup>For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church?"
- I Samuel 3:13 - God's view of Eli

**IV. WATCHING A CHILD SUCCEED**

- I Samuel 2:18-21 - His parents were still involved in his life and praying and believing for his destiny.
- All of this was part of Samuel's success.
- I Samuel 3:1 - Samuel was ministering to the Lord.
- Samuel's character was undefiled, and pure. He lived in and out of the power of the Spirit.
- He had ministered to the Lord, but he had yet to come into intimacy with Him.
- He needed to hear directly from the Lord.

**CLOSE**

- Calling and destiny are important.
- To hear the word of the Lord, spend time with Him and He will speak.