

We will now begin the second lecture on 1 Samuel. /Today we will begin with 1 Samuel 2:12. /Here it tells us about Eli's two sons.

/Read verses 12-13. /Eli's sons were wicked men; they had no regard for the LORD. Now it was the practice of the priests with the people that whenever anyone offered a sacrifice and while the meat was being boiled, the servant of the priest would come with a three-pronged fork in his hand.

/Eli's sons were priests. /They committed a great sin in treating God's offerings with contempt. /They gave offerings to God, but they first wanted to eat.

/Eli's sons considered their portions of food more important than God. /They treated God's offering with contempt.

/In verse 12, it says, "they had no regard for the LORD." /We must properly know who God is. /Eli's sons did not acknowledge God, and they did not fear God. /Hosea 5:4; Jeremiah 4:22.

/Hophni and Phinehas treated God's offerings with contempt. /We must always put God first. /In the Old Testament times, the first fruits were given to God.

/Today, we too must give our first times to God. /We must begin each day with prayer in the early mornings. /We must first worship God on the Lord's Day, the first day of the week.

/Hophni and Phinehas first took God's sacrifices. /The people wanted to give offerings to God. /However, before the people gave offerings to God, the servants of the priests took the meat.

/We must throw away our greed. /John 4:24. /We must worship God in spirit and in truth. /We must know that God is the source of all blessings. /We do not receive blessings when we harbor greed. /We receive blessings when God, the source of all blessings, pours out his blessings upon us.

/Verse 18. /But Samuel was ministering before the LORD-- a boy wearing a linen ephod.

/Samuel lived in the temple from a young age. /Samuel served God under Eli the priest. /Eli the priest blessed Elkanah's family. /Hannah dedicated her precious son Samuel to God.

/God allowed this family to have three sons and two daughters. /God blessed them when Hannah kept her vow and dedicated her son to God. /The young Samuel lived apart from his parents from a young age.

/Samuel grew up with faith in the house of the LORD. /Samuel was a good prophet. /However, Eli's sons were criminals. /Still, the young Samuel was not influenced by

these wicked men. /Samuel took after the faith of his parents.

/Verse 22. /Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

/Eli was very old. /Eli's two sons committed adultery. /His sons stole God's offerings. /They took the meat and ate it. /They also slept with women who served at the Tent of Meeting and committed adultery.

/Eli then rebuked his two sons. /It was good that Eli rebuked his sons. /However, Eli was very indifferent when he rebuked his sons. /He considered his sons more valuable. /What was Eli supposed to do?

/Eli should have harshly rebuked his sons. /Eli should have disciplined his sons. /He also should have dismissed his sons from their priestly offices.

/Eli should have severely punished them so that they would no longer do God's work. /Eli's sons did not repent of their sins. /2 Chronicles 25:16. /If anyone does not repent even after receiving rebuke from God, he will be destroyed. /When we receive rebuke, we must repent and be gentle and humble.

/Verse 27. /Now a man of God came to Eli and said to him, "This is what the LORD says: 'Did I not clearly reveal myself to your father's house when they were in Egypt under Pharaoh?

/Proverbs tells us to discipline our children. /Proverbs 13:24; 3:12.

/Read verse 27 again. /Now a man of God came to Eli and said to him, "This is what the LORD says: 'Did I not clearly reveal myself to your father's house when they were in Egypt under Pharaoh?

/A man of God came to Eli and rebuked him. /The man of God rebuked Eli for his sons' sins. /He said that their sins would not be forgiven.

/Verse 29. /Why do you scorn my sacrifice and offering that I prescribed for my dwelling? Why do you honor your sons more than me by fattening yourselves on the choice parts of every offering made by my people Israel?'

/Eli's sons trampled over God's offering. /Eli also considered his sons more valuable than God. /Eli considered his sons more valuable than God. /Thus, God would punish the house of Eli.

/There would not be an old man in his house. /They would all die young. /The man of God said that Hophni and Phinehas would die on the same day. /In this way, Eli's house was ruined. /We must repent of our sins.

/We must be contrite in our hearts. /Isaiah 66:2. /Those who repent will receive blessings. /Those who do not listen to rebuke and do not repent will receive punishment. /We must consider offerings honorable before God.

/We must consider worship valuable. /We must give all our hearts when worshipping God, and we must worship with all we have. /We must not fail to keep the Lord's Day, and we must not be late to worship.

/We must worship God with all our hearts and spirits. /We must put God first.

/We will continue with chapter 3. /The title is, "The Word of the LORD is rare." /Let's look at the main points. /First, the word of the LORD is rare. /Verses 1-3. /Second, the LORD calls Samuel. /Verses 4-10. /Third, judgment on Eli's household. /Verses 11-18. /Fourth, the LORD is with Samuel. /Verses 19-21.

/Read verses 1-2. /The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place.

/In those days, the word of the LORD was rare. /The people had the five books of Moses at the time. /However, there were no new revelations of God's word. /God's special revelation became rare. /There was no word for those times.

/Word of spiritual bread was rare at the time. /Amos 8:11. /In verse 3, it says that the lamp of God had not yet gone out. /The lights in the temple were lit in the evening and put out in the morning. /Exodus 30:8; Leviticus 24:3.

/It was near time to put out the lights, which means that it was before dawn. /At that time, the word of the LORD came to Samuel.

/Verses 4-5. /Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

/God called Samuel. /Samuel did not know God well at the time. /God called to Samuel, "Samuel! Samuel!" /Samuel then answered, "Here I am," and he ran to Eli the priest.

/Eli said, "I did not call you." /Then God called Samuel again a second time. /God called Samuel again a third time.

/Verse 8. /The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy.

/The LORD called Samuel a third time. /Eli the priest then realized, "The LORD God is calling Samuel!" /Eli the priest then taught Samuel. /"God is going to call you."

/Eli taught Samuel to say, “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.” /In the Bible, God called many prophets. /God called Moses. /Exodus 3:4.

/God called Isaiah. /Isaiah 6:1-4. /God also called Jeremiah. /Jesus called the disciples.

/Verse 11. /And the LORD said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears of it tingle.

/The LORD God spoke to Samuel. /God said that Eli’s household would receive eternal judgment. /God would judge them for the sins of Eli’s sons.

/Eli also did not keep his sons from sinning. /Hence, Eli’s family would be ruined. /God taught Samuel this. /Thus, home education is important. /Education in faith is important.

/We must bring up our children with faith. /We must pray for our children. /We must also worship in our homes. /We must converse often with our children about our faith.

/We must also set an example in faith for our children. /Education is important for young children. /Moses’ parents brought up Moses when he was young. /Hence, Moses became a great leader. /Samuel got up early in the morning and opened the doors of the house of the LORD.

/Verse 15. /Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the LORD. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision,

/Samuel got up early in the morning and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. /Samuel was afraid to tell Eli about God’s word of revelation. /However, Eli asked, and Samuel told him everything. /Eli listened.

/Then Eli left everything in God’s hands. /It would have been right for Eli to be repentant and seek God’s mercy. /Then God might have delayed his judgment or have even taken away judgment. /However, Eli did not even think to repent, but indifferently taught his sons.

/Verses 19-20. /The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD.

/The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up. /All of Israel also recognized Samuel as a prophet of the LORD. /The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.

/We will continue with chapter 4. /The title is, “The Ark of God is Captured.” /Let’s look at the main points.

/First, Israel is defeated by the Philistines. /Verses 1-2. /Second, the ark of God is taken to the battlefield. /Verses 3-5. /Third, the ark is captured by the Philistines. /Verses 6-11a. /Fourth, Eli's household is ruined. /Verses 11b-18. /Fifth, the birth of Ichabod. /Verses 19-22.

/Read verses 1-2. /And Samuel's word came to all Israel. Now the Israelites went out to fight against the Philistines. The Israelites camped at Ebenezer, and the Philistines at Aphek. The Philistines deployed their forces to meet Israel, and as the battle spread, Israel was defeated by the Philistines, who killed about four thousand of them on the battlefield.

/There was a war against the Israelites and the Philistines. /The Israelites camped at Ebenezer. /The Philistines camped at Aphek. /The Israelites and the Philistines fought each other in battle. /Israel was defeated in the battle. /About four thousand Israelites died.

/Verse 3. /When the soldiers returned to camp, the elders of Israel asked, "Why did the LORD bring defeat upon us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the LORD's covenant from Shiloh, so that it may go with us and save us from the hand of our enemies."

/The elders of Israel spoke among one another. /"We have been defeated by the Philistines." /"How can we defeat the Philistines?" /"Let us bring the ark of the LORD's covenant and take it into battle." /The elders of Israel were wrong.

/The elders wanted to use the ark to win in the battle. /The ark was the core of the Israelites' religion. /The ark was kept in the holy of holies in the temple.

/Four thousand men died in this battle. /Thus, the elders wanted to use the ark. /The elders thought, "We will win this battle if we bring the ark with us." /They were wrong.

/When the Israelites failed in battle, they should have figured out the cause of their loss. /They first needed to repent of their sins. /They needed to find God's will. /"What is the reason why we failed in battle?"

/We must find the cause of our failures, and we must pray to God. /However, the Israelites wanted to use the ark. /They were religiously ritualistic. /They did not worship God in spirit and in truth. /They used the ark of God with greed.

/Verse 7. /the Philistines were afraid. "A god has come into the camp," they said. "We're in trouble! Nothing like this has happened before."

/There was shouting in the Hebrew camp. /The Philistines heard the shouts. /The Philistines learned that the ark of God had come into the camp. /The Philistines were afraid.

/This same God led the Israelites out of Egypt by his power. /The Philistines also knew all about God's works in the wilderness. /The Philistines decided to stay strong and fight.

/The Philistines fought with all their strength in the battle. /Ultimately, thirty thousand Israelites died. /The ark of God did not display any power. /The Israelites faced a greater defeat. /Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phineas, also died.

/Verse 11. /The ark of God was captured, and Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

/The ark of God was taken away from the Israelites. /Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas died. /A Benjamite brought the news. /Eli was in Shiloh. /Eli's heart feared for the ark of God.

/Eli was ninety-eight years old. /His eyes grew dark and he could not see. /The Benjamite brought him the news. /"Your sons are dead." /"The ark of God has been captured."

/When Eli heard this, he fell backward off his chair and died. /The Israelites lost. /The ark of God was captured. /Eli died. /Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, died. /The Israelites were ruined.

/Verse 19. /His daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant and near the time of delivery. When she heard the news that the ark of God had been captured and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she went into labor and gave birth, but was overcome by her labor pains.

/The wife of Phinehas was pregnant and near the time of delivery. /The time for her to give birth was near. /She heard the news that her father-in-law and husband were dead. /She then went into labor and gave birth.

/The woman attending her told her that she had given birth to a son. /The wife of Phinehas named her son, "Ichabod." /It meant, "The glory has departed from Israel." /This was because the ark of God had been captured.

/The ark of God was captured. It was a time when God's glory left the people. /Why was the ark taken from the Israelites? /First, they did not rely on the living God.

/Israel did not fear God. /They considered the ark to be God himself. /They thought that the ark had power. /Religion became ritualized and formalized.

/The people did not think about God's word that was in the ark. /It is important that we obey God's word. /The ark symbolizes God's presence. /We must do things that please God.

/Jesus cursed a fig tree that only had leaves and no fruit. /It is important that we bear fruit of faith. /Second, the Israelites attempted to take advantage of the ark. /We must not try to take advantage of God.

/We must not use the church to make money. /We believers must be used by God. /Third, the people used the holy religion for their physical needs.

/They used the ark of God so that they could win in battle. /It is important that we repent when we do not live by God's word. /We must put God's will at the center of our lives. /Romans 2:28-29; 12:1-2.

/Anyone who disobeys God's word leaves God's glory. /The more we sin, the more we leave God's glory. /When we continue to sin before God, God will leave us.

/God's glory will leave us. /When we obey and please God, we can then receive compliments from God.

/We will continue with chapter 5. /The title is, "Affliction on the Philistines." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, the ark of God is taken into the land of the Philistines. /Verse 1. /Second, God strikes the Dagon god. /Verses 2-5. /Third, affliction on Ashdod. /Verses 6-7. /Fourth, affliction on Gath. /Verses 8-9. /Fifth, affliction on Ekron. /Verses 10-12.

/Read verse 1. /After the Philistines had captured the ark of God, they took it from Ebenezer to Ashdod.

/The ark of God was taken from Israel. /The Philistines took the ark of God to Ashdod.

/Verses 2-3. /Then they carried the ark into Dagon's temple and set it beside Dagon. When the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the LORD! They took Dagon and put him back in his place.

/The Philistines carried the ark of God and set it beside their Dagon god. /The next day, the Philistines saw that Dagon had fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the LORD. /They took Dagon and put it back in its place.

/Then the next day, Dagon had fallen on the ground and its neck was broken. /Dagon had fallen before the ark with its face on the ground. /Dagon's head and hands had been broken off. /Dagon the idol fell before the ark of God.

/Verses 6-7. /The LORD's hand was heavy upon the people of Ashdod and its vicinity; he brought devastation upon them and afflicted them with tumors. When the men of Ashdod saw what was happening, they said, "The ark of the god of Israel must not stay here with us, because his hand is heavy upon us and upon Dagon our god."

/God brought affliction on the people of Ashdod. /Tumors spread among them and many of them died. /There was devastation upon their land and crops. /6:4-5. /Dagon was

completely destroyed.

/The neighbors of the Philistines died. /Rats ate their crops. /The Philistines were happy because they won in battle. /However, they received great affliction because they took the ark of God.

/Verse 8. /So they called together all the rulers of the Philistines and asked them, "What shall we do with the ark of the god of Israel?" They answered, "Have the ark of the god of Israel moved to Gath." So they moved the ark of the God of Israel.

/The ark of God was moved from Ashdod to Gath. /When the ark of God was taken to Gath, Gath faced great affliction. /Many people in Gath were afflicted with tumors.

/There was affliction wherever the ark of God was taken to. /God's great power was displayed. /The Philistines were afraid. /The Philistines were dying because of the spreading tumors. /Rats ate their crops.

/Verse 10. /So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. As the ark of God was entering Ekron, the people of Ekron cried out, "They have brought the ark of the god of Israel around to us to kill us and our people."

/The ark of God was then sent to Ekron. /God again brought affliction upon Ekron. /The people of Ekron trembled with fear. /The people of Keron would too die.

/The ark of God was captured by the Philistines. /The ark of God was captured, but God's glory was not. /God punished Israel. /Israel tried to take advantage of religion. /The religion became ritualistic.

/Therefore, Israel ultimately lost in battle. /However, God does not give his glory to anyone else. /Isaiah 48:11; Romans 3:4. /God personally displayed his power, and God judged the foreign peoples.

/God never fails in his work. /God ultimately receives all the glory. /None of us can keep God's works from taking place. /Romans 9:18. /Sometimes, it seemed as if Israel failed.

/Later, the Israelites were taken captive to Babylon. /Still, God received glory. /Ezekiel 11:16. /God is God who looks at the heart. /We must live properly in faith and behave properly in the church.

/Do not boast of your church sanctuaries. /Do not boast of your denomination. /Do not boast of your seminaries. /Do not boast of your nations. /We must boast that we truly worship God in spirit and in truth.

/We must bear fruit of faith before God. /Then God will pour his blessings upon us. /We must reveal God's glory. /We must not be fig trees that only have leaves. /We must bear inner fruit.



/Here we will conclude the second lecture on 1 Samuel. /Thank you.