

**Open:**

- Chapter 1
  - Hannah is grieved because she is barren. **vs. 1-8**
  - Hannah takes her grievances before the Lord. **vs. 9-11**
  - Eli the priest mistakes Hannah’s grief for drunkenness. **vs. 12-16**
  - Hannah is reassured that her prayer will be heard. **vs. 17- 18**
  - The Lord remembers Hannah, and Hannah remembers her promise. **vs. 19-28**
- Chapter 2
  - Hannah’s praise to God for hearing her prayer. **vs. 1-10**
  - Samuel ministers before the Lord despite the wickedness of Eli’s sons, Hophni and Phinehas. **vs. 11-26**
  - Eli is reproved for his actions and the destruction of his family is foretold. **vs. 27-36**
- Chapter 3
  - Samuel remained faithful in his service to God regardless of the actions of those around him. **vs. 1-2**
  - The Lord calls Samuel 3 times. **vs. 3-10**
  - Samuel is given a message by God. **vs. 11-15**
  - Samuel reveals a difficult truth to Eli. **vs. 16-18**
  - Samuel remains obedient and is revealed to the nation of Israel as a prophet. **vs. 19-21**

**I. Rear your children and teach the next generation to love, respect, and serve God.**

- We do not have a generation of young people who love, respect, and are serving God because we have a lazy generation of adults who are not rearing their kids to do what is right. They are allowing the world to dictate their child rearing methods. **Ezk. 22:30** *“And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.”*

A. Hannah – Chapter 1

- i. She prayed for God to give her a son she could rear for God.
- ii. She promised to rear her son for God.
- iii. She fulfilled her promise by rearing her son for God.

➤ Notice that she did not rely on the man of God and the church to rear her child. Samuel’s love for God and his desire to serve God was a direct result of a mother who instilled in her child, through her example, a recognition of the importance of serving God.

➤ Notice she did not wait until Samuel was older to begin rearing her child to love, respect, and serve God. This process started even before he was weaned. **Prov. 22:6** *“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”*

B. Eli – Chapter 2 and 3

- i. Trained Samuel in the service of God. **Chapter 2**
- ii. Taught Samuel to recognize the voice of God and how to respond. **Chapter 3**

➤ Notice that Hannah took on herself the personal responsibility of taking her son to the house of God. She did not just assume, that because she and her husband were faithful, that their children would be. Take upon yourself the responsibility to rear your family in church.

➤ Notice how Eli was able to successfully influence Samuel, even more than his own children, because of the foundation that Hannah had laid. Take upon yourself the responsibility of getting your children under godly influences. **II Tim. 1:5** *“When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.”*

## II. Teach the next generation by your example that your faithfulness in serving God is not to be dependent on the actions of those around me.

- Teach your children that the world will continue to get worse until the Lord returns, but we are still responsible to obey God in our service to Him.
  - **II Tim. 3:1-5** *“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. [2] For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, [3] Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, [4] Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; [5] Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”*
  - **II Tim. 4:1-5** *“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; [2] Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. [3] For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; [4] And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. [5] But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.”*
- A. Samuel chose to serve God regardless of the actions of those around him. **Chapter 2: 11; 17-18; 21, 26**
- B. Samuel did not allow the carnality of those around him to influence him, nor did he use it as an excuse as to why he couldn't fulfill his responsibility to God. **II Tim. 3:13-15** *“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. [14] But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; [15] And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”*

## III. Teach the next generation, by your example, to live their life listening for and yielding to the calling of God in their life.

- Teach your children, show your children, and talk to your child about how God has a predetermined plan and purpose for their life. **II Tim. 1:8-13** *“Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; [9] Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, [10] But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: [11] Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. [12] For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. [13] Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.”*

A. Teach your children that they can do the work others have not done.

- Samuel could not make up for all the evil that Eli's sons had done, nor could he do all the work that they did not do; but he remained focused on doing his best in the things that God had given him to do.

B. Help the next generation to recognize and listen for the voice of God. – **John 10:2-5** *“But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. [3] To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. [4] And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. [5] And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.”*

- We should not criticize nor blame the next generation for not listening to God when we have not taught them what His voice sounds like. We need to be diligent in teaching the next generation to listen for the call of God [This begins with obedience and respect in the home].

C. Teach them what the proper response to the voice of God is. **I Sam. 3:7-10**

- We do our children a disservice and we hurt our country by teaching our kids it is ok to ignore what God wants you to do, so you can do what you want in life.

**Close:**

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- Teach the next generation by your example that your faithfulness in serving God is not to be dependent on the actions of those around me.
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**II Tim. 2:2**

*“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”*