

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is there always a time that God intervenes when spiritual leadership is lacking?
2. Why did Paul give as a criterion in choosing a bishop that he “rule well his own household”? (1 Timothy 3:4-5)
3. Why do you think Eli failed to correct his sons?
4. Should there be any conflict between our responsibilities to our families and our service to the Lord?
If conflicts arise, how should we deal with them?

SUMMARY:

In today’s lesson we see how God handled a situation where sin was rampant. Eli only made feeble attempts to restrain his wicked sons. Thus God sent a prophet to Eli reproving him and prophesying the downfall of his house. We also know from last Sunday’s lesson that God was raising up a successor for His work, which must go on in spite of men’s failures. This lesson should serve to strengthen each one to rely on the Lord and His Spirit that we may be helpers in His work and not hinderers.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #13

March 26, 2023

First Quarter

REJECTION OF ELI

LESSON TEXT: *1 Samuel 2:27-36*

LESSON SETTING: At Shiloh, where the child Samuel was living with the priest, Eli.

TIME: About 1165 B.C.

I. REMINDER OF GOD’S CHOICE. 1 Samuel 2:27-28

- A. God’s Choice. Exodus 28:1; Numbers 16:9; Deuteronomy 10:8
- B. God’s Complaint. 2 Chronicles 24:20; Psalm 78:18; Romans 7:23; 8:5; Galatians 6:8

II. REJECTION OF THE CHOSEN. 1 Samuel 2:29-34

- A. Coming Judgment. Deuteronomy 31:17; Jeremiah 15:1; Hosea 9:17; John 15:5-6; 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12
- B. Certainty of Judgment.
 1. Of Eli’s Family. 1 Samuel 3:11-14; 4:17-18
 2. Of all God’s Chosen People. Jeremiah 15:9; Hosea 2:11,9:17; Amos 8:10; Matthew 21:43; Luke 14:24

III. REVELATION OF THE FUTURE. 1 Samuel 2:35-36

- A. A Faithful One to Come. 1 Samuel 3:10, 19, 21; Isaiah 9:7; 11:10; 25:8; Jeremiah 23:5
- B. Better Times to Come. 2 Chronicles 7:17; Job 11:18; Psalm 91:5; Proverbs 3:24; Hebrews 13:6; Revelation 21:4

GOLDEN TEXT: THEM THAT HONOUR ME, I WILL HONOUR, AND THEY THAT DESPISE ME SHALL BE LIGHTLY ESTEEMED.

1 Samuel 2:30

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Mark 15:16-41

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Psalm 22:1-21;
Matthew 27:27-56;
Luke 23:33-49; John 19:27-37

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ - King and Savior

TOPIC: THE KING CRUCIFIED

INTRODUCTION:

Although Jesus' battle had been fought and won in the Garden of Gethsemane, the full impact of the battle was not actually felt until God separated Himself from His beloved Son. God cannot look upon sin and since His Son was bearing the sin of the whole world, a burden so tremendous that our finite minds cannot grasp it, He had to separate Himself. What a heart-rending cry to hear our King say, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" He had to go down into the grave **alone**.

What agony He must have felt. For us who are His own, separation from Him for only a few minutes would seem unbearable, but to go down into the grave alone, brings anguish just with the thought.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Jesus died on the cross to save men from their sins.

GOLDEN TEXT: THERE IS ONE GOD, AND ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN, THE MAN CHRIST JESUS.

1 Timothy 2:5

"There is one God"; how glad we should be that God has revealed Himself in His creation, by His prophets, in His Word, and by His Son! We need not go about seeking as the heathen did, for something to worship. All men feel and know that there is a higher power, but now through the Word, we can by faith know "that the Lord, He is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath; there is none else." (Deuteronomy 4:39)

Only by becoming man, could the Son of God be a mediator between God and man. Only by dying on the cross could He "have somewhat also to offer." (Hebrews 8:3) Now He can offer His blood as atonement for our sins, but we must come to Him for redemption, so that His blood may be applied to our individual sin. Only then can He become **our** Mediator, High Priest and Savior.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Mar 27 – Apr 2

Mon. Prophecy of Jesus' Death. Psalm 22:11-19
Tue. Jesus' Teaching About His Death. John 12:23-33
Wed. *Jesus Led to Calvary. Mark 15:16-23
Thu. *The Savior's Sufferings. Mark 15:24-34
Fri. *The Savior's Death. Mark 15:33-41
Sat. Atonement for All. Romans 5:6-11
Sun. The Humiliation of the Cross. Philippians 2:1-11

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