

GOD CALLS SAMUEL

1 Samuel 1:1-3:21

Key Verse: 3:10

* HANNAH AND SAMUEL (1:1-2:11)

1. Describe Elkanah's family. What was Hannah's problem? What made it unbearable? What does this family show us about those times? See Judges 21:25 and 1 Samuel 3:1b.
2. What time was the worst time for Hannah? Why? How did her husband try to comfort her? Why could he not?
3. On one such occasion, what did Hannah do? How is her agony described? What was her prayer and her vow? What can we learn from her? (See 1 Jn 5:14,15; Mk 11:24)
4. How and why did Eli misunderstand her? How did she explain to him? How did God use him to plant faith in her heart? What shows her faith? How did God answer her prayer?
5. What did she name her son and why? How did she keep her vow to God? Why did she keep this hard vow? What can we learn? How was she different from Eli?
6. How did Hannah feel after she dedicated her son to God? What did she learn about God's holiness? (See 2 Pe 1:4) About his sovereignty? (3-10) What else can we learn about God's character from her song?

* ELI AND SAMUEL (2:12-4:1a)

7. Describe Eli and his sons. How did the sons misuse their office? (2:12-17) In what way was Eli responsible? (22-25,29) What kind of man was Eli?
8. How did God plan to punish Eli and his household? What message did God send Eli through the man of God? (2:27-36)

9. *In the meantime, how did Samuel grow and how did his mother continue to help him? (2:18-21,26; 3:1) What can we learn from her?*

10. *How did the Lord call Samuel? Why didn't he recognize God's call at first? What hard test did the Lord give Samuel? What was Samuel's attitude toward God's word? What had he learned from his mother? How did God use him to serve his times?*