

Men's Bible Study: The Power of Sonship

Weaning and Leaning

Key Text: 1 Samuel 1:1:19-28; 1 Samuel 2; 1 Samuel 3:1-19

The Weaning

❖ **Brothers, Don't Forget What You've Help Birth**

- Many men are so focused on providing and in danger of not grooming and preparing their Samuel (asked of God)
- Note that Elkanah is a man of commitment and keeps his word to the Lord – vs. 21
 - Deut. 12:11; 1 Sam. 1:3

❖ **Brothers we've got to work as a team to raise our children before God**

- Vs. 22: Hannah did not go up because she was home weaning Samuel – Gen. 21:8
 - 2-3 years of age before weaned
 - There were other women that could have assisted but note their conduct – 1 Sam. 2:22
- Wean: gamal: to ripen, to wean a child
 - To cause to become accustomed gradually to good other than its mother's milk
 - To cause to give up drinking milk from a bottle with a nipple

➔ WE MUST BE CAUTIOUS OF WHO WE LEAVE OUR CHILDREN WITH AND WHEN WE LEAVE THEM

➔ THERE MUST BE PREPARATION BEFORE SEPARATION

- There was more that Samuel had to receive from Hannah before he was ready to walk in the consecration on his life
 - Was already consecrated yet still under preparation

❖ **Brothers, it's still our responsibility to validate and establish the course of preparation for our families – Vs. 23-24**

Mat. 7: 9-11; Prov. 13:24; Deut. 6:6-7; Prov. 6:20

- Vs. 24: When she had weaned him, she released him from dependence on her unto learning to depend upon God
 - Samuel was presented to God as an offering, not a burden – Deut. 12:5-6, 11
 - Note they don't drop him off just anywhere but where the Presence of God was – 1 Sam. 4:3-4; Josh. 18:1

❖ Vs. 25: they slew a bullock –

- Brought the child to Eli – 1 Sam. 1:11; Luke 2:22, 18:15-16

❖ Vs. 28: they worshipped the Lord with the young child – Gen. 24:26

➔ HOW YOU WEAN WILL DETERMINE HOW YOU LEAN LATER – 2 Tim. 3:15
(MSG)

The Leaning – Part 1 – 1 Samuel 2

ELI'S THE FATHER & HIS SONS

- While daddy was a Godly man, his boys were wicked and disrespectful to the things of God
- Referred to as the “Sons of Belial” (worthless men)
- Assume many of Eli’s priestly responsibilities due to his old age
- Did not know the Lord – vs. 12

➔ **TALK IS CHEAP – ACTIONS TELL THE REAL STORY!**

(Tit 1:16 KJV) They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

HOPHNI & PHINEHAS SIN

- Making a mockery of the Lord’s offerings – vs. 13-15
- Took God’s portion, took raw meat, abused people
- Caused people not to want to give – VS. 17

BUT SAMUEL MINISTERED

- While others stole, Samuel ministered
- While others cheated, Samuel ministered
- While others got away with doing wrong, Samuel ministered
- While others caused others to sin, Samuel ministered

➔ **WHAT WILL YOU DO?**

HOW SAMUEL CONTINUED TO MINISTER?

- (1) He ministered before the Lord

(Eph 5:1 KJV) Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

- (2) His parents knew their role (vs. 19)

(Pro 22:6 KJV) Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

- (3) Samuel chose to follow the Godly examples in his life

(Deu 30:19 KJV) I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: