

The Sin of a Family

1 Samuel 2:27-36

August 23, 2020

I. What God Said (V. 27-28)

A. The worship of God was the sustenance of the Levite priests.

II. What Eli Did (V. 29)

A. For Parents:

1. To rebuke your child for sin and not _____ them when they don't listen is to teach them that sin is wrong, but _____ is not (1 Samuel 2:22-25, 3:10-14).

2. Children do not lead _____. _____ lead children.

B. For Everyone:

1. Religious activity and ritual service does not always lead to the _____ of God (1 Samuel 2:12).

2. Knowledge of personal sin means nothing outside of a _____ heart (Hebrews 10:26-27).

3. There is no such thing as _____ sin.

III. What God Will Do (V. 30-36)

A. The idolatry of man will make you think you can help people _____ as long as it is necessary for preserving a _____ (1 Samuel 3:18).

B. The priesthood yields a higher level of _____ for success as well as a higher level of consequence for _____ (1 Peter 2:9-12).

Group Discussion

1. What are your initial takeaways from 1 Samuel 2:27-36?
2. Read 1 Samuel 2:12-26. What did Eli's sons do that was so bad? What did Eli do as a response?
3. If a parent confronts their child for sin, they don't listen, and the parent does nothing in response, what is the lesson they are teaching their child? Why?
4. Why was the sin of Eli and his sons not covered by the sacrifices given in the temple every day? That was what sacrificial system was for, wasn't it? After some discussion, read Hebrews 10:26-27.
5. This passage really centers on verse 29, when God spells out His indictment of Eli for his handling of his sons. Why did God use the word "you" in accusing Eli, as if Eli was the one that did what his sons did? Why is his sons' sin his problem?
6. How was Eli honoring his sons over God? What is the difference between loving people well and loving them more than God?
7. Is there such thing as individual sin that doesn't hurt other people? Why?
8. Review the church prayer guide on the next page, exchange prayer requests, and close in prayer as a group.

Recommended Reading for Further Study:

Read Exodus 28, 1 Kings 2:13-27

Church Bible Reading Plan

This Week: Read 1 Samuel 18-22

July & August: Memorize Psalm 139:7-12

1 Timothy 2:1-2

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

Our Vision: To create a culture of discipleship that leads to worship and compels us to be on mission.

PRAY that our love for our neighbors will cause us to be sensitive to their need for Jesus.

PRAY that we would express our love for God and His Church by watching the sermon either by DVD or online and connecting with a small group.

PRAY that God will draw many to Himself in this difficult time.

PRAY for YOUR ONE.

PRAY for the AWANA ministry. There are still several leader positions that need to be filled.

PRAY for Nathan and Becky F. as they prepare to return to Indonesia.

PRAY for the people of Puluk in Indonesia to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.

PRAY for Dr. John and Karen T. and Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. to be able to return to the mission-field soon.

Our Mission: To Care as Jesus CARES:

PRAY that we will love each other and reach out to our membership and encourage one another. Go through the church directory and try to connect with someone *each day*.

PRAY that God will continue to use the FOOD BOX MINISTRY to bring people to Himself and that we would keep the food pantry well stocked.

PRAY for the hospital workers, first responders and police officers to be drawn to God and to be filled with His strength, love, and ability.

PRAY for all of our schools/teachers/administrators/and all workers as they begin a new school year facing difficulties never before encountered.

PRAY for us all to be a source of light in the darkness of racial prejudice.

PRAY that we will each be faithful to give financially to Apollo Baptist Church so that we can have the funds to continuing ministering.

Our Church Family:

PRAY for Pastor Gary and our other pastors (Pastor Jim, Pastor Reginald, Pastor Brian) as they seek God's way to effectively lead our church.

PRAY for us as a church family to grow in our devotion and our discipleship.

PRAY for our deacons to be able to keep up with their families and contacts effectively.

PRAY for our Sunday School leaders to find ways to keep in touch with their class/department.

PRAY for the office staff in the challenges they face as they work from home.

Pray For Our Church Family Needs:

- ASU West College Ministry: Please pray for the student leaders and others that Christ will be magnified despite the COVID restrictions.
 - August 27 Christian Challenge Connection Night — This is an evangelistic event where we engage students with discussions around spiritual topics. We have significant unknowns as to how we will run this event based on COVID restrictions.
 - Sept. 3 First Christian Challenge Meeting
- Jayla Hope S. passed away shortly after she was born on Wednesday, August 19. Please be in prayer for James and Julena and the grandparents as they grieve.
- Six-year-old Janey S. passed away after a long battle with heart issues. Janey is the daughter of Larry and Kasie S. and the granddaughter of Woody and Barbara S. Please pray for the whole family as they grieve.
- Michelle L. is struggling with severe migraines and doctors who seem to not be fully engaged regarding her need.
- Mary R.'s kidney function is hovering just above the numbers when dialysis is needed. Please pray for her kidneys to

function better.

- Brenda R. is experiencing bone pain from cancer. The doctors are trying to coordinate a bone marrow transplant.
- Wanda and Tom H.'s son, Derek, was diagnosed with stage 2 colon cancer. Pray for the treatments to work well.
- Mary C., daughter of Jeanette C., is being treated for stage 3 breast cancer. Pray for healing and for their hearts to turn to Christ.
- Mark S., Sally D.'s brother-in-law, has been in the hospital with pneumonia and a case of shingles. Mark had a successful double-lung transplant a few years ago.
- Julia B.'s family needs healing and reconciliation among some of the family members.
- Marge D.'s hip replacement surgery went well, but she is having a lot of pain. She will be going to rehab upon discharge (probably 8/21).
- Tom M.'s knee replacement surgery went well. He is home and doing well, feeling good with minimal pain.
- Others that you are aware of

Prayer Requests from the food box distribution and those attending the church service:

- Ronald who was just laid off
- Ray and his wife who are missionaries to Taiwan but are still trying to get visas
- Neil who has pancreatic cancer
- Jacqueline who needs to find a math tutor for her 8th grade daughter
- For the family of Miguel who died in a car accident last week
- For Melinda who has needy children, an ailing mother, and who needs a job