

## I SAMUEL 1:1—2:36

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Outside of Jesus Christ, I don't know if God ever picked a man who amounted to a damn, to begin with. Outside of Jesus Christ I don't know of any man that God picked that had much potential. Moses, a murderer so to speak, got married to a real sexy unbeliever, the daughter of the priest of On. (This was Joseph – **Genesis 41:45**. Moses married the daughter of the priest of Midian – **Exodus 2:16&21**) Jonah headed the other way. All of those men of God were big “poopers,” but somehow or another in the fiber of their being there was some steel. And God saw that, saw it in Moses, saw it in Jonah, saw it in Hosea, saw it in Jeremiah. You know what He told Hosea? Go marry that whore. Imagine a minister saying that to some man today. Nobody would listen to those men. Or would they?

I'm totally convinced that when the Word of God is spoken, the people who have ears to hear will hear. And I don't give a hoot who that man or woman has been or what they have done in the past. I just don't care, because God just didn't care. And I get it from the Word. Peter - who would have ever thought that Peter would have made a leader? Matthew - IRS man. Boy, I go through those things in my mind and that to me is the greatness of our God. He has to start with what's available to Him, but somehow or another in the frailty of man, at least some of them, there is that steel, that whenever God sharpens it, it's sharp on both sides. And for the time that they hold forth that Word you just sit in utter amazement of their ability.

Samuel had no right to be a prophet, as you'll see. Again, the way the whole thing happened and everything else, you would have never thought that God could have blessed it. But He did. You would, have never thought that God could bless us, but He did.

### I Samuel 1:1

“Ephrathite” – From Bible Dictionary:

Ephraim, the second son of Joseph born to him by Asenath, the daughter of Potipherah, before the years of famine came (**Genesis 46:20**). The sick Jacob (it doesn't say in the Bible that he was sick) acknowledged the two sons of Joseph, blessing Ephraim with his right hand and Manasseh with his left, thus signifying that Ephraim would become the greater people. That Ephraim did become a great tribe is shown by the census, list, of **Numbers 1:32-33** as 40,500 and **Numbers 26:37**, 32,500. (The discrepancy is the **Numbers 1** record is everybody and the **Numbers 26** record are all the able bodied ones.) In the order of the tribes, the standard of Ephraim's camp was on the west side. From the tribe of Ephraim, Elishama was to stand with Moses, **Numbers 1:10**, and Joshua the son of Nun, one of the spies, was descended from Ephraim, **Numbers 13:8**. He was chosen with Eliezer, The priest, to divide the land, **Numbers 34:17**. Ephraim is also included in the blessing of Moses. Under the valiant leadership of Joshua, Ephraim with the other tribes received her inheritance which is described in **Joshua 16**. (The territory may be roughly identified as follows: Proceeding west from Gilgal, we come to Beth-el, then to lower Beth-horan, west to Gezer, then north to Lod and westward toward the sea; north to the Kanah river and then east to the something.) From the tribe of Ephraim occupied a position of prestige and significance. It complained to Gideon that he had not called it to fight against the Midianites. His reply reveals the superior position of Ephraim, “Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?” The men of Ephraim complained again to Jephthah and this led to war between the Ephraimites and the Gileadites. The prestige of Ephraim kept it from looking with favor upon Judah.

After the death of Saul, Abner, Saul's captain, made Ish-bosheth king over the northern tribes including Ephraim. He reigned for two years but Judah followed David. Later David learned that Israel followed after Absalom. The northern tribes never did desire to yield to David's reign but David grew continually greater and stronger. Under Solomon, the southern kingdom reached the pinnacle of splendor and prosperity; nevertheless even at this time there was discontent in the north. Rehoboam's folly provided the necessary pretext and the north apostatized, renouncing all claim to the promises made to David. Nevertheless God continued to send His prophets to the northern kingdom. One of the characteristics of the Messianic kingdom is to be the healing of the tragic schism introduced by Jeroboam, the son of Nebat. Geographically it reaches the Mediterranean about four miles north of Joppa. Jericho was in it. Shechem was in it. Central-west Palestine, it says. Bethel is its main city.

### **I Samuel 1:2**

"two wives" - A man wasn't supposed to have two wives.

"Hannah" - means grace.

"Peninnah" - means pearl.

### **I Samuel 1:3**

"yearly to worship and to sacrifice" – in other words he kept all the requirements of the law.

### **I Samuel 1:4**

"portions" – special gifts

### **I Samuel 1:5**

"worthy" - double

"the Lord had shut up her womb" – she didn't have any children. That's an oriental way of blaming God, it's the only way they say it. We know that the true God did not shut her womb, right? He doesn't do trips like that. But when something has occurred, then they use the oriental way of saying that the Lord had shut up her womb.

### **I Samuel 1:6**

"provoked her sore" - the old Devil really worked on her, really teed her off. Because Pearl was having all of the kids and Hannah wasn't having any.

### **I Samuel 1:7**

"did not eat" – the time she went up with Elkanah, she went on a fast

### **I Samuel 1:9**

"a seat" – the seat - the judgment seat

"a post" - door post

"the temple" - palace

### **I Samuel 1:10**

"in bitterness of soul and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore" - she was depressed, and while she prayed she was weeping.

I do not believe that she would have recognized that it was Eli sitting there. He was just sitting back, leaning back in his chair smoking his pipe.

**I Samuel 1:11**

“there shall no razor come upon his head” - means he would never shave from the time of his birth.  
**Numbers 6:2-8** – the vow of a Nazarite

**I Samuel 1:12**

“marked her mouth” - watched her mouth move

**I Samuel 1:13**

Her lips moved but she didn't speak out loud. That's why Eli thought she was drunk.

**I Samuel 1:15**

“sorrowful spirit” - burdened

**I Samuel 1:16**

“complaint and grief” – meditation and grief - heaviness

**I Samuel 1:18**

“sad” – fretty - Eli was copped out, but she knew that he had been or was a man of God and when he said to her, honey, it's all over with, she believed what he said even though he was a copped out priest. Isn't that beautiful?

**I Samuel 1:20**

“the time was come about” – in revolution of days - the revolving of the days - 280 days  
“Samuel” – asked of God or requested of God. The “-el” is God. Sam means ask.

**I Samuel 1:22**

“Forever” - has to have a different meaning than it does at other places. That's why in the context forever means for as long as he lives.

“weaned” - Now weaning in the Bible does not mean when they stop sucking your breasts. Weaning in the Bible means when they get old enough to take care of themselves, 11 or 12.

**I Samuel 1:28**

”I have lent him” – returned him whom I obtained by petition to the Lord.

I teach this in the Advanced Class, and I told you then that where it says that he as yet did not know the Lord, was not true. He knew him as God, but he did not know revelation. The reason I said that was because I've read this before. He knew the Lord, he worshipped him.

**I Samuel 2:1-36**

Boy, you talk about a woman of God knowing the Word. She quoted scripture after scripture in here.

**Verse 4**

Samuel was not in line to be a prophet. But the bows of the mighty men that should have been prophets are broken.

**Verse 21**

I believe Samuel was somewhere over 30 when **chapter 3** comes to pass. That's why I'm just showing you some of these things.

He was 12 or 13 when he went in and then she had these other kids. If you gave them 2 years between each one you would have 10 years out of 5 kids. So you see, he'd be 22 anyway. It's interesting.

### **Verse 22**

Now God is going to get mad. That's remarkable, because God wasn't mad at Elkanah because he had two wives, but now, He's going to get real mad at Eli and his sons, not because they are laying women or have wives, but because of where and what is involved. That's what you have to see in the Word.

### **Verse 28**

Talking about Aaron

If Eli would have taken his two sons and chopped their heads off with an ax, God would have stood up shouting in heaven. But because he let his two sons run wild and screw in the tabernacle which had been dedicated as holy to God, see how mad God got. He didn't get mad at Elkanah with his two wives. Boy, until you see the greatness of God and His Word, there are just some things that you can't mess with God on. You can't have a trinity. You have just killed your household and family and everybody else. You can't have whoring around with other gods. That's the record of this boy Samuel. He came from a family where a man had two wives, but that didn't stop God. But those wives, especially the second I know was right on, God-fearing. Grace, I know, loved God and wanted to do her best for God. And boy, when she made a promise she kept it. When she made a commitment to God it was right on.

We were talking about that when you make a commitment to God to be in the Corps. It's like the vow that you are reading about here. But you see, our culture is not a culture of keeping commitment. Our culture is one of keeping commitment only if it is to your advantage. When you make a commitment to go WOW, that's a vow. If they don't keep it they are always the losers. The Corps is like that, a lot of other things in life, if you make a commitment you keep it. Otherwise, don't make one. The same God then is the same God now. The same God today recognizes commitment. Cultures may change, but not God. Some place in the Word it says It's better not to make a vow than to make one and bust it. So don't make one unless you mean to keep it. And that's why people who have made a vow and break it are always the losers. Like people that split off the field for WOW, who drop out of the Corps, all of this other stuff, you see. Don't get in a hurry to make a decision; just watch it develop. The Word hasn't changed. That doesn't mean that I don't like them anymore or am mad at them. When you get God against you, you have problems. "The wheels of God grind slowly but they grind fine." It takes time to show up. It showed up here in Eli's kids. It says in the Word to the Church, that if a man can't rule his own house he can't rule the Church. That's plain enough. Back to Eli; that was a called out group from his day, and he couldn't handle his own kids. That's why he copped out. That's why he lost his ministry as a prophet. Now that's the Samuel that is mentioned in Acts. Quite a man. Now sometime just take Samuel and master him on all of his prophecies and what he was involved in. Then see Moses the law giver and then Acts will live bigger for you.