

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Last week we began looking at the book of 1 Samuel
- \* As we examine this book, and then continue (Lord willing) into 2 Samuel, 1 Kings and 2 Kings, ... we will incorporate the parallel portions of 1 and 2 Chronicles and the writings of the prophets.
- \* The book of 1 Samuel is a transitional book. It begins in the time of the Judges and leads us into the reign of David.
- \* The three primary characters of this book are: Samuel, Saul and David.
- \* As the book of Judges was summarized by two key passages (2:8,10 and 21:25), so the remainder of Israel's history can be prefaced with Israel's statement recorded in 8:19-20 "No, but we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations"
- \* Beginning in 2:21 we see the growth of Samuel being interwoven through the story line
  - 2:18 "But Samuel ministered before the LORD, even as a child, wearing a linen ephod."
  - 2:21 "Meanwhile, the child Samuel grew before the LORD."
  - 2:26 "And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the LORD and men."
  - 3:19 "So Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground."

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE CO\_\_\_\_\_TION OF THE SONS****A. Their Tr\_\_\_\_\_ion**

1. REGARDING THE SACRIFICES (2:12-17)
2. REGARDING THE WOMEN (2:22)

**B. Eli's R\_\_\_\_\_tion (v. 2:23-26)****II. THE CO\_\_\_\_\_TION OF THE LORD****A. Through the M\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_ (2:27-36)**

1. THE PRO\_\_\_\_\_
2. THE PRO\_\_\_\_\_ (2:34-36)

**B. Through the C\_\_\_\_\_ of S\_\_\_\_\_ (3:1-21)**

1. THE MA\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CALL
2. THE MA\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CALL
  - a. The Confirmation of Samuel's O\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The Confirmation of Eli's D\_\_\_\_\_

**III. THE CO\_\_\_\_\_TION OF THE SIGN****A. The De\_\_\_\_\_ion (4:1-10a)**

1. BY THE I\_\_\_\_\_ITES
2. BY THE P\_\_\_\_\_INES

**B. The De\_\_\_\_\_ion (4:10-22)**

1. THE LOSS OF THE ARK
2. THE DEATH OF LEVI'S FAMILY

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* HOW IMPORTANT IS BEING CONSECRATED TO YOU?
- \* DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE LORD CHASTENS THOSE WHOM HE LOVES?
- \* HOW DO YOU RESPOND WHEN THE LORD REVEALS SIN IN YOU?  
ARE YOU INDIFFERENT? ARE YOU UPSET? OR, ARE YOU REPENTANT?
- \* WHICH IS OF GREATER VALUE ... YOUR FAMILY OR GOD?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND ACT?