

Passage: 1 Samuel 1-15

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Discovered:

- Elkanah had 2 wives: Hannah & Peninnah, despite extra love Hannah was barren. During the yearly trip to worship, Hannah went into the temple and prayed for a child, promising to give it back to the Lord. Eli mistook her for being drunk and admonished her until she explained. Eli told her that her petition would be granted.
- Hannah had a son, Samuel and gave him to Eli at the temple to serve God once weaned.
- Eli's sons did not know the Lord, would not obey Eli. As a result the Lord would kill both sons on the same day as a result - ending Eli's house.
- In the middle of the night, God calls Samuel 3 times, but he mistakes it for Eli. Eli finally catches on that it is God and tells Samuel to answer here I AM. God tells Samuel of his plans to fulfill the promise against Eli's house.
- Israel knew Samuel was a prophet from the Lord.
- Israel went to battle against Philistines, 4,000 Israelites were killed. So they brought the ark to the battlefield. However, Israel was defeated. Eli's sons killed & ark captured.
- When Eli heard the news, he fell over, broke his neck & died. He had judged 40 years.
- Philistines took the ark and put it in the temple of Dagon. Overnight, the Dagon statue fell over before the ark. Second night, Dagon statue fell over again and broke, so they moved it to Ashdod. Ashdod people were afflicted with tumors, so they sent it to Gath where it happened again. So, the Philistines sent it back to Israelites with 5 golden tumors & 5 golden mice.
- Samuel judged Israel at Mizpah. Philistines tried to attack Israel @ Mizpah but the Lord made a loud sound that confused Philistines and they were defeated.
- When Samuel was old he made his sons judges but they strayed, took bribes.
- Despite Samuel's warnings against kings, Israel demanded a king & God gave them one (Saul)
- God chose Saul, handsome & tall man to be anointed king by Samuel.
- Ammonites attacked Jabesh-gilead & offered them a deal: we will make a treaty if you allow us to gouge out everyone's right eye. Saul heard & summoned the people, 300,000. They struck down the Ammonites. Afterwards the people accepted Saul.
- Samuel steps down as judge & leader, but warns Israel having a king will only work if both the people & king obey the Lord.
- Saul had an army of 3,000 men when the Philistines went to war against them. Israel was far outnumbered & outweaponed. When Samuel did not appear on-time, Saul offered burnt & peace offerings disobeying. As a result, he would lose the ability to be king over Israel.
- Jonathan (Saul's son) & arms bearer snuck over to the Philistine camp and attacked confusing the Philistines, an earthquake added to their fear. Battle was won.
- Saul makes an oath that no one eat during the battle, Jonathan ate honey b/c he did not know & the people later were so starved they ate meat w/blood. When the Lord refused to answer Saul, he thought someone had sinned & they would die. Lots determined Jonathan, but people refused to harm him.
- During battle with Amalek's, Samuel tells Saul to destroy everything, but Saul disobeys.  
Help me to remember:
  - Samuel left Saul after killing King Agag & grieved over Saul.
  - Lord regretted choosing Saul to be king.

Prayer is powerful and it is a sin to stop praying to You in all things.

Lord, I ask that

my prayer life is full, that I constantly am in communication with You through worship, giving thanks and laying my worries at your feet. our actions.

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for...

that we are made in your image,  
that you too have a wide range of  
a wide range of feelings over