

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of May 25, 2025

"Bible Personalities: Samuel"

FATHER ELKANAH

Sunday Read I Samuel 1:12-20

"And they rose up in the morning early, and worshiped before the Lord, and returned, and came to their house at Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the Lord remembered her." In a way of speaking, we could say that Elkanah and his wife Hannah were doing as God ordered in Genesis 1:28: *"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."* God chose that His earth would be populated by families: a husband, his wife, and their children. That was God's plan and it is God's desire that parents rear their children in a way pleasing to God. Fathers are instructed by God this way in Ephesians 6:4: *"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."* What a huge blessing for children who have God-honoring parents!

MOTHER HANNAH

Monday Read I Samuel 1:19-23

"Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord." Hannah prayed fervently that she would become a mother after the years passed by and it appeared she would be denied that high calling of motherhood. She by faith persisted, and God did honor her prayers, and Hannah became the mother of Samuel. Because he was privileged to have God-fearing parents, Samuel became a true servant of God. The Holy Spirit would use Samuel, the son of Elkanah and Hannah, to write two books of the Holy Scriptures.

HANNA'S PRAISE

Tuesday Read I Samuel 2:1-3

"And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD mine horn is exalted in the Lord: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation." It is important to notice that Hannah gave glory to God for her answered prayer. There is no question that Hannah's expression of praise brought delight to the heart of God, what a lesson. Believers have the high privilege to call on God in the name of our Savior, the Lord Jesus who paid the penalty for our sins. When it is in the will of God and for our benefit, God responds favorably to our prayers. Should it not then be our desire to thank and praise God for that which He has done for us? Praise God for the privilege and promise that we read in Jeremiah 33:3: *"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and*

mighty things, which thou knowest not". Hannah did just that, and God was true to His word!

MENTOR

Wednesday Read I Samuel 3:1-5

"And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision." As a result of his mother being faithful to God, Samuel had the high privilege of being a servant in the name of God in his community. Eli, God's chosen spiritual leader for Israel at that time, became Samuel's mentor. Samuel was able as a child to benefit from the teaching and guidance of the religious leader of that time! Eli's wise counsel enriched Samuel's life!

INSTRUCTIONS

Thursday Read I Samuel 3:16-18

"But Eli called him and said, 'Samuel, my son. Samuel answered, 'Here I am. What was it he said to you?'" Eli asked. "Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you." So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, *"He is the Lord; let him do what is good in his eyes."* Samuel had a wonderful relationship with Eli, to whom God led him for Godly instruction. Eli steered Samuel in the right direction to strengthen Samuel's life of faith. Eli was a humble leader who advised young Samuel to go straight to God for guidance in his life. With such wise counsel from a spiritual leader, young Samuel learned to communicate directly with God for direction in his life. Samuel went on to be a faithful servant in God's kingdom.

MESSAGE

Friday Read II Timothy 3:15-18

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." Praise God that we have God's book of instructions for life: the Bible. All scripture, from Genesis through Revelation, gives us direction for our decision-making. There is no better way to start each and every day than by reading God's book for guidance. And we have that great promise of our Lord in John 16:13: *"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."* Just as God led young Samuel, He wants to guide us by the reading of His Word and obedience to it!

ETERNAL KINGDOM

SaturdayRead II Samuel 7:16-20

"And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever." One of the great teachings in the books of I and II Samuel is this truth expressed in today's Bible reading, the covenant that God made with David. God told David that the kingdom of Israel would have an eternal kingdom. It is, of course, the nation into which God would send Jesus, the Son of God. After doing what needed to be done in His first coming as Savior of the world, Jesus will come again to be the King of kings as we read in Revelation 19:16: *"And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords."*