

## 1 Samuel 2:35

### A Faithful Priest

**Text: 1 Samuel 2:27-36**

#### Introduction:

1. God had promised that the seed of woman would crush the head of the serpent and the enemy of man would be defeated (Genesis 3:15).
2. He showed that this victory would include blessedness for all through the seed of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3).
3. This Victor would also be kinsman of man who could serve as a daysman or mediator (Job 19:23-27).
4. He would also be a King over a righteous and eternal spiritual kingdom (Genesis 49:10) - a scepter out of Israel and a star out of Jacob (Numbers 24:17).
5. He would be the prophet whose word must be heard and obeyed (Deut. 18:15-19).
6. Yet, in the time of Samuel it was learned that He would also be a faithful priest...

#### I. THE REJECTION OF THE CORRUPT PRIESTHOOD

- A. Eli's sons were vile, wicked men who abused their positions as priests (2:12-17, 22-25).
- B. Therefore, they would be killed (2:25) and the priesthood of Eli and his descendants would be rejected.
- C. The man of God reminded Eli of the priesthood's past (vs. 27-28).
- D. The man of God dealt with the priesthood's present (vs. 29).
- E. The man of God looked to the priesthood's future (vs. 30-36).
  1. God would no longer honor Eli or his sons.
  2. God would cut off the strength of Eli's bloodline.
  3. God would not allow any of Eli's descendants to live to an old age (cf. 4:11; 14:3; 22:18ff; 1 Kings 2:27).
  4. God would cause those of Eli's house to beg for food.
  5. God would give a sign to confirm His word: Eli's two sons would die on the same day.
- F. Thus, God rejected the priesthood of Eli.

#### II. THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CORRUPT PRIESTHOOD

- A. It is important to notice that God's promise concerning the priesthood seemed to be absolute but was conditional (cf. Exo. 29:9; 40:15; Num. 25:10-13).
- B. God promised to raise up a faithful priest who would follow His will (2:35).
  1. This seems to be a reference to Zadok rather than Samuel (1 Kings 2:26-27).
  2. Samuel did not have a "sure house" because his children were unfaithful.
  3. However, Samuel was a faithful priest in contrast to Eli's wicked sons (7:9-10).
- C. In contrast to the corrupt sons of Eli, Samuel was a faithful child of God (2:18-21, 26).
- D. He would lead the people through a time of great turmoil and confusion.

#### III. THE PROMISE FULFILLED IN JESUS

- A. Though this promise had to do with the Old Testament priesthood, there was also a look forward to the time of Jesus.

## Prophecy of Jesus

- B. Jesus would be the true High Priest of God (Hebrews 2:17).
- C. He would have a “sure house” – a priesthood that will endure until the end of time.
  - 1. Jesus was from the tribe of Judah, not Levi; thus, a change of the law had to take place (Hebrews 7:12-14).
  - 2. He would be a priest after the order of Melchisedec (Hebrews 5:1-10; 7:15-22).
  - 3. Thus, He would be a priest forever (Hebrews 7:23-25).
- D. Jesus is the true High Priest of God Who serves in Heaven on behalf of His disciples!

Conclusion: Jesus is the only way to salvation.