

## THE DANGER OF NOT LISTENING TO THE LORD

1 SAMUEL 2:11–4:1A

## DEUTERONOMY 28 THE COVENANTAL CONDITIONS

### **BLESSINGS (vs. 1–14)** **If you diligently obey Me:**

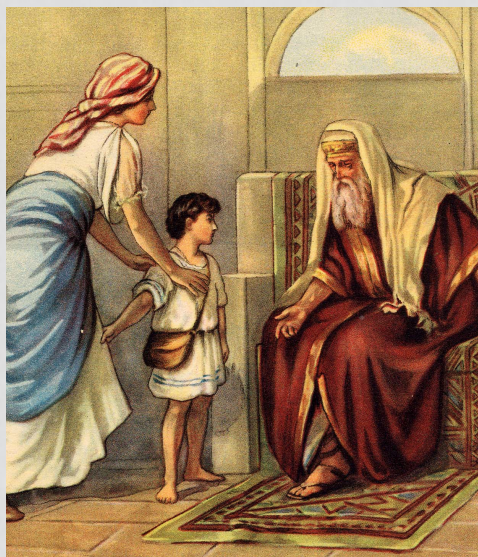
- Everywhere & everyone
- Offspring
- Produce
- Livestock
- Food
- Daily activities
- Military success
- Abundant land
- Feared by foreigners
- Rain
- Riches
- Leading nation

### **CURSES (vs. 15–68)** **If you will not obey Me:**

- Everywhere & everyone
- Food
- Offspring
- Produce
- Livestock
- Daily activities
- Failure unto destruction
- Pestilant land
- Disease
- Resistant nature; lack of rain
- Military failure
- ...

HANNAH  
BROUGHT  
SAMUEL  
TO ELI  
*1 SAM 2:11*

The boy  
served the Lord  
supervised by  
Eli the priest.



BACK AND FORTH GOES THE STORY  
*1 SAM 2:11–26*

GODLY SAMUEL	THE UNGODLY SONS OF ELI
A faithful ministry 2:11	A disobedient, unfaithful ministry 2:12–17
Brought fertility to his family 2:18–21	Brought infertility to their family 2:22–25
Grew in God's blessing 2:26	Earned God's cursing 2:27–36

**TO SERVE THE LORD:**

WE MUST  
OBEY HIS  
RULES

Hophni and  
Phinehas  
1Sam 2:12-17

cf. Lev 7:22-36



**FAMILY DEDICATION**  
*1 SAM 2:18-21*



- **Samuel** wore a linen ephod when serving
- **Hannah** would bring him a small robe at their regular visits
- **Eli** blessed Elkanah and Hannah, praying for them to have more children
- **Samuel** grew up at the Lord's sanctuary

**TO SERVE THE LORD:**  
**WE MUST LIVE BY GOD'S PRIORITIES**  
*1 SAM 2:22-25*

- If a man sins against a man, one may appeal to God on his behalf.
- But if a man sins against the Lord, who will then pray for him?
- But they would not listen to their father, for the Lord had decided to kill them.



**TO SERVE THE LORD:**  
**WE MUST INSTILL GOD'S PRINCIPLES**  
*1 SAM 2:26-36*

- Eli and his sons earned God's cursing. 2:27-36  
 "A man of God" (2:27) = a prophet
- Samuel's robe (2:19)  
 vs. Eli's sons' abuse of the ephod (2:28-29)
- "Why do you kick at my sacrifice?" (2:29)



WORD FROM THE LORD WAS RARE IN THOSE DAYS

1 SAMUEL 3:1



HERE I AM, LORD, FOR YOU CALLED ME.

1 SAMUEL 3:5,6,8

## SAMUEL IS YAHWEH'S NEW SPOKESMAN

*1 SAM 3:1-4:1A*

1. Yahweh called 3 times to Samuel rather than Eli. 3:1-9
2. Yahweh revealed Himself to Samuel. 3:10-14
3. Samuel revealed Yahweh's message of cursing to Eli. 3:15-18
4. Summary: Samuel became Yahweh's prophet. 3:19-4:1a

## WHEN WE SERVE THE LORD

- We must obey His rules.
- We must live by His priorities.
- We must instill His principles in our families.