

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

*Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commitment reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.*

### **Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – 1 Samuel 1:1-18**

This week we begin the Book of Samuel. This will be a transition time from Israel being ruled by judges to Israel being ruled by kings. We start by an explanation of how Samuel comes about. Read verses 1-8. Who are the people involved? What is the situation? Does this remind you of any other story (Genesis 29 and 30)? What are Elkanah's words of comfort to Hannah (vs. 8)? Now read verses 9-18. What did Hannah do? Who is the new person we met and where was he at? What was she accused of and how did she defend herself? What was the change in Hannah's disposition and what do you think brought the change on? What do we learn from Hannah when things are not going as we expected? How does humbling ourselves in prayer before God give rest to our souls? Notice that Hannah did not have confirmation her prayer would be answered, but she still gave it all to God, in tears and anguish. What does this reveal about God? How does this point to Jesus (consider His prayer of anguish)? What might you need to be honest and open to God about and leave it at the throne in faith?

### **Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – 1 Samuel 1:19-28**

Picking up where we left off yesterday, we see the family worship one more time at Shiloh (where the tabernacle was set up) and upon returning home, what happens (vss. 19-20)? Since returning to Shiloh is an annual pilgrimage, what is the decision of Hannah regarding the boy (vss. 21-23)? Notice Elkanah doesn't disagree but knows how difficult it will be for Hannah to keep her promise to God. As you finish by reading verses 24-28, did Hannah keep her promise? Keep in mind Samuel would have been about 3 years old. Can you imagine doing what Hannah did? What does this reveal to you about God (vs. 27)? What does this reveal about us and what is possible for those with faith? How does this point to Jesus and Mary? How did Mary need to give her son completely back to God the Father? Have you been gifted the faith of Hannah?

### **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – 1 Samuel 2:1-11**

We continue today with Hannah bringing Samuel to Eli the Priest in Shiloh with her prayer. Read through the entire prayer – verses 1-10. Now read Luke 1:46-55. What similarities are there? What differences do you see? How does one sing a song of praise to the Lord when they are about to leave their child, so he may be in service to the Lord? What does this prayer reveal about God? What descriptions surprise you? Which are affirmations to the power of God in your life? Which parts of this prayer are little jabs at Peninnah, Elkanah's other wife? What does this prayer reveal about us as humanity? How does it point to Jesus and Mary's song to God? What prayer of praise do you need to offer to God and what do you need to dedicate to His service today? Ask God in prayer and He will show you.

### **Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – 1 Samuel 2:12-36**

Today we will turn to the story of Eli and his sons in contrast to Samuel. To learn about Eli and his sons, read verses 12-17 and 22-25. What kind of people were these men? What did they do wrong? Back to Samuel and his parents. What descriptions do we get regarding them (vss. 18-21 and 26)? Do you see a difference in how they are described? What is God doing about these sinful priests (vss. 27-34)? Who will replace them (vss. 35-36)? Who do you think the "man of God" is describing? What does this reveal to you about God? Does God just ignore perpetual, unrepentant sin? What is God capable of doing to make things right? What does this reveal about us humans, especially when we are left unchecked? Consider for a moment Hannah's prayer from yesterday. How do verses 35-36 fulfill her statements? How does this all point to Jesus as the final fix for our sinful ways, as well as God's final say over those who reject Him and His gift of grace through Jesus? What unrepentant sin might you have that you need to turn away from and turn back to God?

### **Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – 1 Samuel 3**

We finish this week with God's call on Samuel's life. The chapter starts out giving some important clarification regarding God's speaking to the people. What does the text tell us (vs. 1)? Next comes the call on Samuel's life. How does this happen (vss. 2-10)? Notice how verse 7 ties into verse 1. It explains why verse 1 was important and how unique this scenario is. Now that God has Samuel's attention, what is the message God delivers to Samuel (vss. 11-14)? Imagine being a young boy like Samuel and hearing that message from the Lord. What does this say about God and his understanding of Samuel? What happens the next morning (vss. 15-18)? What was Eli's response? Because of Samuel's innocence and faithfulness, and God's call on his life, what happens next (vss. 19-21)? God has blessed and positioned Samuel for what will come next in Israel's history – the period of kings. In reading this text, what does this reveal to you about God and the order of things? What does this reveal to you about humanity? Consider the sons of Eli and then Samuel. How does this text prepare and point to Jesus?

### **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read 1 Samuel 5:1-8.**