Prayer, Holiness, & Calling:  
Three Lessons from 1 Samuel 1-3  
Sunday, March 1, 2020 • Tim McCoy, Lead Pastor

A Chapter a Day

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How does 1 Samuel fit in the big, biblical storyline?

God, Creation, Adam & Eve, Noah & the Ark, Tower of Babel
Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph
Moses, the Ten Commandments, & the Tabernacle
Joshua & The Promised Land
The Judges: Deborah, Gideon, Samson & others.

1 Samuel → Samuel, ____________, & ____________
Eli, Hophni, Phinehas, Goliath, & Jonathan
Circa 1050 B.C.

Solomon & the Building of the Temple
The Divided Monarchy: Israel (north) & Judah (south)
The Babylonian Exile (586 B.C.) & Daniel
Esther, Ezra, Nehemiah, & the Rebuilt Wall & Temple

Birth of Jesus: Son of David, Son of Abraham, Son of God
Jesus’ death, burial, resurrection, & ascension to the Father
Pentecost, the Holy Spirit, the Church, & Witnesses to All Nations
Jesus’ return as King of Kings and Lord of Lords
Where do the events of 1 Samuel occur?

1 Samuel 1

9 After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple
of the LORD. 10 *She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly.* 11 And she vowed a vow and said, “O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head.”

12 As *she continued praying before the LORD*, Eli observed her mouth. 13 Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. 14 And Eli said to her, “How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you.” 15 But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but *I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD.*

16 Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation.” 17 Then Eli answered, “Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him.” 18 And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

19 They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. 20 And *in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel,* for she said, “I have asked for him from the LORD.” (1 Samuel 1:9-20, ESV)

1. Our ______________ should not embitter us, but should lead us to ______________, ______________, and faith-filled prayer.

1 Samuel 2

12 Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know the LORD. . . . 17 Thus the sin of the young men was very great in the sight of the LORD, for the men treated the offering of the LORD with contempt. . . . 22 Now Eli was very old, and he kept hearing all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who were serving at the entrance to the tent of meeting. . . . 29 *Why then do you scorn my sacrifices and my offerings that I commanded for my dwelling, and honor your sons above me* by fattening yourselves on the choicest parts of every offering of my people Israel?’ 30 Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: ‘I
promised that your house and the house of your father should go in and out before me forever,’ but now the LORD declares: ‘Far be it from me, for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed. (1 Samuel 2:12, 17, 22, 29-30, ESV)

2. God expects integrity and __________________________________ in the lives of his leaders and his people.

1 Samuel 3
Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. 3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

4 Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” 5 and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’ ” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.” (1 Samuel 3:1-10, ESV)

3. When God ______________ us, we should respond with a ready, listening, and ________________________________ heart.