

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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I Samuel two begins with a beautiful prayer of Hannah which gives such insight into a soul that has been broken, humiliated, mocked, and ridiculed and has seen and experienced the salvation and vindication of the God who can do all things. As you read through this beautiful and discerning prayer of Hannah notice how she exalts God and His sovereignty. He has the final say in our lives and the lives of those who are for us and those who are against us. **"God lifts the beggar from the ash heap."** (v.8) God can take anyone who is ready to allow God to have control of their life and do miraculous things. God doesn't need our abilities; God desires us to merely yield our lives to be available. He is more than capable to make us capable for whatever He wants us to accomplish.

After Hannah's prayer we are introduced to Eli's two wicked sons whom he refused to discipline. They were wicked men and thieves. God saw it all and did not like it and spoke to Eli through this young child who had been given to Hannah and she, true to her word, gave him back to God. Samuel grew up in the service of the LORD at the

tabernacle and his mother came each year with a new garment for him, which he wore, an ephod or outer garment like the other priests. Eli was very appreciative and blessed Elkanah and Hannah each year.

Samuel grew up in God's service and God favored him and gave him favor with all the people who came to worship at Shiloh. Out of nowhere it seems a "Man of God came to Eli" and told him of impending judgement that would come against him and his entire household. The reason was Eli knew his sons were wicked, but did not confront their sins and wicked, irreverent, disrespectful behavior. He told them of judgment but continued to allow them access to the duties of a priest. The man of God gave a prophecy and said indeed if God judges Eli's sons and they die, Eli would himself know that his line would be cut off from the priesthood. Keep reading.

Prayer and Action Steps

God is no respecter of persons. Just because it is our own children, we cannot excuse sinful behavior. It has nothing to do with love, rather in rejecting and calling out sinful behavior. God help us be true to you.

Date _____ Scripture _____

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
