

1 SAMUEL 2 (ESV)

¹ And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. ² There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. ³ Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed." ...

¹² Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know the LORD. ¹³ The custom of the priests with the people was that when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant would come, while the meat was boiling, with a three-pronged fork in his hand, ¹⁴ and he would thrust it into the pan or kettle or cauldron or pot. All that the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. This is what they did at Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there. ¹⁵ Moreover, before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who was sacrificing, "Give meat for the priest to roast, for he will not accept boiled meat from you but only raw." ¹⁶ And if the man said to him, "Let them burn the fat first, and then take as much as you wish," he would say, "No, you must give it now, and if not, I will take it by force." 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. ...

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and also with man.

²⁷ And there came a man of God to Eli and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Did I indeed reveal myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt subject to the house of Pharaoh? ... 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. ³¹ Behold, the days are coming when I will cut off your strength and the strength of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your house. ... ³⁴ And this that shall come upon your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, shall be the sign to you: both of them shall die on the same day. ³⁵ And I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my mind. And I will build him a sure house, and he shall go in and out before me anointed forever. ...'"

Sermon text next Sunday: 1 Samuel 3

FINDING FAVOR

Heart of a King ♦ Dan Smith ♦ 9.23.18

Hannah's family finds favor

1 Sam. 2:1-11
1 Sam. 2:18-21
1 Sam. 2:26

Eli's family forsakes favor

1 Sam. 2:12-17
1 Sam. 2:22-25
1 Sam. 2:27-36

The forever favored family

1 Sam. 2:35
1 Sam. 2:26
Luke 2:52

TALK IT OVER

Visit npberean.org/group-resources for more group resources or to connect.

- ♦ **Treasuring God:** Read verse 30. What are some practical ways we might honor or despise God through our words or actions today?
- ♦ **Being Transformed:** What's one area of my life where I have not honored God as He deserves? What steps will I take to begin to honor Him in that area?
- ♦ **Loving Others:** Read verses 12-26. What does this passage indicate about how our view of God affects the way we treat others?
- ♦ **Pursuing Unity:** What are some practical examples of how honoring God builds unity within the church and how dishonoring Him causes division?