

# The Hope of a Faithful Priest & King

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1 Samuel 2:27-36

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## Review:

- We are all barren like Hannah without hope except for God
- Hannah's prayer<sup>2:1-10</sup> looked to God's bigger plan
- Eli's sons rebelled against God's mercy & lived for sinful selves
- Man has been in rebellion<sup>Rm3:10-11</sup>; God gives over<sup>Rom 1:21-32</sup>

## There Came A Man:

- Unknown man, but God sent His message as always<sup>Rm1:18-20</sup>
- God showed mercy by rescuing Israelites & giving priests
- God showed mercy w/ 3 blessings to priests
- Office of a priest – WSC#25 helps us understand role
- 3 roles: 1) to go up to God's altar – offer sacrifices for people
- 2) burn incense-smoke provided covering for sins of people<sup>Lev16:13</sup>
- 3) wear ephod – stones bearing names of Israel<sup>Ex28:12</sup>
- God cared for His priests by providing<sup>28</sup>

## Mercy Scorned 29

- Question asked why mercy is scorned<sup>29</sup>
- Don't take advantage of God's mercy, today the Gospel!

## Judgment Announced 30-34,36

- Eli was forced to answer yes to each question...
- Sin has consequences – judgment announced
- God doesn't enact His covenants so we can live spoiled self-centered lives, rather that we might live as we were created
- Don't ignore God's warnings - take His mercy
- Eli's sons squandered God's mercy - they were cut off
- one spared - Abithar<sup>1K2:27</sup> later expelled by Solomon
- Hophni & Phineas soon to die<sup>1S4:11</sup>
- Don't scorn God's clear mercy<sup>Gal6:7</sup>
- Receive the mercy of the Gospel!

## God's Mercy Promised 35

- God declares hope amidst the judgment<sup>35</sup>
- Multi-faceted fulfillment: Samuel anoints David...
- But this ultimately points to Jesus Christ - God's anointed Priest and King!
- Only in the incarnation and in the cross do we find God's mercy and His judgment executed in perfect harmony!
- Christmas is a remembrance of God's incarnation to redeem us! Let us live for His glory by His power!