

THE DEVOTED AND THE DEPRAVED

Introduction: There is a vast difference between the spiritual lives of Hannah's _____ and Eli's sons. Samuel will be _____ to God in spite of his living with the depraved sons of Eli.

- I. Hannah's _____ (1 Sam. 2:1-10)
 - A. Answered prayer brings great _____.
 - B. Hannah was sure to thank the _____ for the gift (Lu. 17:17).
 - C. _____ is to be a large part of a believer's prayer life (Phil. 4:6).
 - D. Hannah had an in-depth _____ of God.
 - E. Hannah _____ the Lord with praise.
 - F. She knew God was the one who _____ her.
 - G. God delights in lifting up the _____ (Ps. 34:18; 147:6; Is. 57:15).
- II. Eli's _____ (1 Sam. 2:11-36)
 - A. Eli's sons were not _____, yet they were serving in the Tabernacle.
 - B. The unsaved are not to be _____ in the local church.
 - C. Hophni and Phinehas took _____ than they were supposed to receive from the sacrifices.
 - D. There are those who seek the ministry for financial _____ (1 Pe. 5:2; Titus 1:11).
 - E. Yet even in this ungodly environment, Samuel _____ spiritually and remained true to the Lord.
 - F. Hannah did what she could to express her _____ to her son.
 - G. God blessed Hannah with _____ more children.
 - H. A believer can never _____ God (Lu. 6:38).
 - I. Eli's sons were also guilty of _____ in God's house.
 - J. When those in the church have a bad _____ the word will get around.
 - K. Eli did too _____ too _____ in the correcting of his sons.
 - L. God sent a prophet to _____ Eli's sons.
 - M. They were _____ from service and God would remove them.

Conclusion: "The devotedness of Elkanah's wife and son stands out against the depravity of Eli's family" (MacDonald).