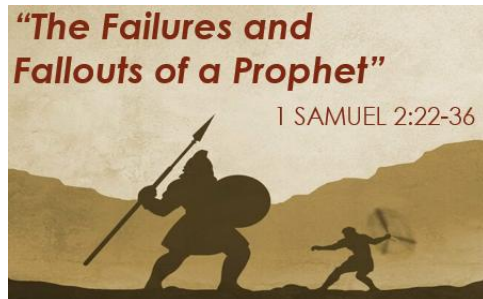
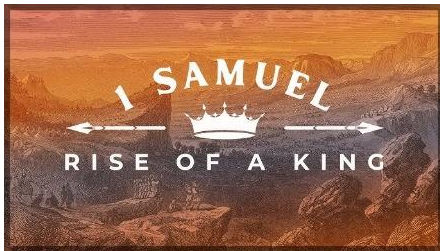


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Last week we talked about choices:

- ▶ How do we make choices?
 - ▶ What do we consider?
 - ▶ Who/what is involved? For example...
- ▶ Decisions/choices CHANGE! Why? Someone else to think about.
- ▶ Are you born again?
- ▶ Yes, I am saved: **Therefore**, my choices are affected by... my relationship with Jesus; my walk with Jesus.

Therefore:

Colossians 2:6-8

Ephesians 4:17 - The Apostle Paul speaks very strongly here: (2 paraphrases—NLT & CEV)

2 Corinthians 7:1

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – And honor Him in your choices...

Daniel 4 - What changed for Nebuchadnezzar? After 7 years!

His Priorities! Who became his priority? Who did he acknowledge as Sovereign God?

Our choices are affected by:

- ▶ Priorities
- ▶ In our spiritual lives...
- ▶ We can have all kinds of good intentions,
- ▶ Vows to God,
- ▶ Promises to parent, or pastor, or friend.
- ▶ **But** when it comes down to daily, rubber meets the road living – it's tough and it's **easy** to get sidetracked.

Here in 1 Samuel 2:22-36

- ▶ We have a focus on a man of God.
- ▶ A prophet who lost, misplaced his priorities.
 - ▶ Things that used to be important no longer are.
 - ▶ He has allowed “things” to be more important than God.
 - ▶ The focus here is on Eli, not his sons.

🔊 **OVER** 🔊

YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THE LORD IS ALWAYS 1ST IN YOUR LIFE.

That you honor the Lord.

That God is your priority.

The narrator shows us problems Eli had because he did not honor the Lord: 3 of them...

I. Eli's family was a mess (vs.23-25)

A. The son's sins (vs.16-17,23)

B. The time, (v.22a) Eli very old

C. The Lecture (vs.23-25)

D. The lecture results (v.25b)

II. Eli's priorities were misplaced

A. Man of God comes (v.27)

B. Message against Eli

1. Look what I have done for you (vs.27b-28)

2. Who's really 1st in your life? (v.29)

3. Who do you really honor? (v.30)

III. Eli's judgment was severe (vs.31-36)

A. Future family destroyed (vs.31-33)

B. Fulfilled in...

1. Massacre of priests (vs.22:11-19)

2. In takeover of Zadok's family in Solomon's time (1 Kings 2:26-27,35)

3. Sign of the fulfillment (v.34)

1 Kings 2:26-27,35

CONCLUSION:

- You can think you have it all, you're doing it all on the outside:
- But, when it comes down to it, who do you honor? Who/What is your priority?
- All sorts of things clamor for your attention and will try to crowd out your commitment to Christ.
- And unless or until Christ is 1st God will not honor you (v.30b)