

WWYG – Session 60

SAMUEL & Saul

1 Samuel 1-4, 8-10, 15

Name _____

Guide _____

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." — 1 Samuel 3:10

1. According to **1 Samuel 1:1-18**, why was Hannah treated so poorly by her husband?
2. According to **1 Samuel 1:19-28**, why did Hannah name her son Samuel? And why did she bring him to Eli?
3. **1 Samuel 2:1-11** is Hannah's prayer of Thanksgiving. Write a prayer of Thanksgiving to God for something that you're thankful for.
4. Give some examples of how Eli's sons were corrupt, according to **1 Samuel 2:12-17**.
5. What did the prophet of the Lord say to Eli, according to **1 Samuel 2:27-36**?
6. **1 Samuel 3** describes the calling of Samuel. Why did he run to Eli when the Lord called him?

7. You can read how the story ended in **1 Samuel 4**, where the Ark of the Covenant is and Eli and his sons end up _____.
8. After years without a permanent leader, the Israelites were united under a monarchy. The story of how Saul became their first king combines two accounts; one favors the idea of having a king, the other is more critical. First, the favorable account. Read through **1 Samuel 9:1-10:16** and number these events in the correct order:
- _____ Samuel anointed Saul with oil, as the future king.
 - _____ The Lord told Samuel to anoint Saul as the new king.
 - _____ Kish's son Saul was taller and better looking than anyone else.
 - _____ Saul told his uncle about the donkeys, but not that he was to be king.
 - _____ Saul couldn't find the donkeys and wanted to go back home.
 - _____ When Saul met a band of prophets, he too started to prophesy!
 - _____ Saul and his servant found Samuel on his way to eat a sacred meal.
 - _____ Kish sent Saul to look for his runaway donkeys.
 - _____ Samuel told Saul to go to Tabor, then to Gibeah, and then to Gilgal.
 - _____ Saul slept all night on Samuel's roof.
 - _____ Saul's servant talked him into visiting a prophet.
 - _____ Samuel gave Saul the best meal at the dinner.
9. Now for the unfavorable account. Skim through **1 Samuel 8:1-22 & 10:17-27**. According to **8:6-9 & 10:17-19**, why was having a king not a good idea?
10. According to **8:10-18**, how would a king eventually treat them?
11. According to **1 Samuel 15:10-35**, the Lord eventually rejected Saul as king. Why?