

## **1 Samuel 2 and 3 The Bondservant at Home – Parents Oct 18 2009**

**Intro:** One of the greatest tools God uses to make you selfless, sacrificial, and a servant, is to let you try to be a good parent. Grows your faith and your prayer life.

**1. A Parent's Declaration of Dependence. I am in authority over my children, but I do not own my children. I am a steward of children that are a gift from God, and I cannot possibly parent them effectively apart from His help!**

**1 Samuel 1:27-28 (ESV)** <sup>27</sup> For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him.

<sup>28</sup> Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there.

**Psalms 127:3 (HCSB)** <sup>3</sup> Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord, children, a reward.

**2. A Parent's Decision to Discipline their children.**

**2a. A Parent Is Designated by God to provide discipline and instruction.**

**Colossians 3:20-21 (ESV)** <sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

**Ephesians 6:1-4 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup> Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

<sup>2</sup> "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise),

<sup>3</sup> "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

<sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

**2b. Eli Decided To Rebuke, But not to Restrain or Correct.**

**1 Samuel 2:17 (ESV)** <sup>17</sup> 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.

**1 Samuel 2:22-25 (ESV)** <sup>22</sup> Now Eli was very old, and he kept hearing all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who were serving at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

<sup>23</sup> And he said to them, "Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all the people.

<sup>24</sup> No, my sons; it is no good report that I hear the people of the Lord spreading abroad.

<sup>25</sup> If someone sins against a man, God will mediate for him, but if someone sins against the Lord, who can intercede for him?" But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for it was the will of the Lord to put them to death.

**1 Samuel 2:29 (ESV)** <sup>29</sup> Why then do you scorn my sacrifices and my offerings that I commanded, and **honor your sons above me** by fattening yourselves on the choicest parts of every offering of my people Israel?"

**2c. When a parent disciplines correctly, he/she is displaying love for the child.**

**Hebrews 12:5-11 (ESV)** <sup>5</sup> And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

<sup>6</sup> For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

<sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

<sup>8</sup> If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

<sup>9</sup> Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

<sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

<sup>11</sup> For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

**3. A Parent Delights in seeing a child grow; especially spiritually.**

- A foundation of Awe for God
- A frequency of Worship to God
- A faithfulness of Growing in God
- A future of Service to God

**1 Samuel 1:28 (ESV)** <sup>28</sup> Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there. (worshipped = bowed)

**1 Samuel 2:11 (ESV)** <sup>11</sup> Then Elkanah went home to Ramah. And the boy ministered to the Lord in the presence of Eli the priest.

**1 Samuel 2:18 (ESV)** <sup>18</sup> Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy clothed with a linen ephod.

**1 Samuel 3:1 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup> Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

**1 Samuel 2:21 (ESV)** <sup>21</sup> Indeed the Lord visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the young man Samuel grew in the presence of the Lord.

**1 Samuel 2:26 (ESV)** <sup>26</sup> Now the young man Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and also with man.

**Recovering Awe and Respect Today: Hebrews 12:18-24 (ESV)** <sup>18</sup> For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest

<sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

<sup>20</sup> For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned."

<sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear."

<sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

<sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,  
<sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

**Hebrews 12:28-29 (ESV)** <sup>28</sup> Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,  
<sup>29</sup> for our God is a consuming fire.

#### **4. A Parent needs to help a child Discern God's Voice, and obey Him.**

**1 Samuel 3:2-10 (HCSB)** <sup>2</sup> One day Eli, whose eyesight was failing, was lying in his room.

<sup>3</sup> Before the lamp of God had gone out, Samuel was lying down in the tabernacle of the Lord where the ark of God was located.

<sup>4</sup> Then the Lord called Samuel, and he answered, "Here I am."

<sup>5</sup> He ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "I didn't call," Eli replied. "Go and lie down." So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup> Once again the Lord called, "Samuel!" Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "Here I am; you called me." "I didn't call, my son," he replied. "Go and lie down."

<sup>7</sup> Now Samuel had not yet experienced the Lord, because the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup> Once again, for the third time, the Lord called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli understood that the Lord was calling the boy.

<sup>9</sup> He told Samuel, "Go and lie down. If He calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> The Lord came, stood there, and called as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel responded, "Speak, for Your servant is listening."

**Naar = boy in 3:1 and Nabi = prophet in 3:20**

**1 Samuel 3:1 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup> Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

**1 Samuel 3:20 (ESV)** <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord.

**Invitation** If we shape our children in a right relationship with Elizabeth and I, then they will find it much easier to establish a right relationship with God. But, ultimately, we are each responsible for our own response to His call to be adopted into His forever family.