

Samuel Study Guide

Lesson 1: Birth of Samuel

1. Hannah and her husband, Elkanah, prayed for a child. Does God always answer prayer?

God always answers prayer, but not always in the way we want him to. God always does what is best for us.

Lesson 2: Samuel's Call

2. Like Samuel in 1 Samuel 3:10, what should be our response when we are about to hear from God?

Speak, Lord, I'm listening.

3. How did Eli's sons, Hophni and Phinehas, differ from Samuel? Samuel ministered before the Lord as the law commanded, but Eli's sons did not.

Lesson 3: The Capture of the Ark

4. Why did the Israelites take the ark of the covenant into battle?

They took it into battle to bring them good luck.

5. How was God's power displayed as the ark went from city to city in Philistia?

The people in whatever city the ark was taken got sick.

Lesson 4: The Philistines' Defeat at Mizpah

6. How did God show his power and help the Israelites defeat the Philistines at Mizpah?

He sent a thunderstorm in the middle of the dry season, which terrified the Philistines, allowing Israel to defeat them.

Lesson 5: We Want a King

7. Why was Israel's request for a king a foolish one?

They already had a king—God. God was trying to protect them from harmful things.

8. Name three problems that having a king would bring to the people.

Their sons would become soldiers and farmers for the king, their daughters would serve as cooks for the king, they would have to pay taxes would have to be paid, and the best of their crops and animals would be taken by the king.

9. How was Christ's sacrifice different from the animal sacrifices that were made in the Old Testament?

Christ's was a perfect, once-for-all sacrifice. His sacrifice doesn't just cover sin but takes it away.