

SAMUEL: A MAN PREACHED FROM THE GRAVE  
I SAMUEL 28:7-11

Introduction:

- A. In I Samuel 25, Samuel dies.
- B. In chapter 28, Saul is getting ready to go up against the Philistines.
- C. When he sees the army of the Philistines he becomes afraid.
- D. He wants to inquire of the Lord, but there is no answer.
- E. He calls a medium to bring up Samuel from the dead.
- F. Samuel was Saul's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. Samuel anointed Saul king;
  - 2. He warned him;
  - 3. He pleaded with him;
  - 4. He prayed with him.
- G. God granted Saul's request.
- H. Samuel talked to Saul. I Samuel 28:15-19
- I. Today let's call up Samuel, not from the grave, but from the sacred pages and learn some lessons from his life.

- I. Samuel Had A \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ prayed fervently for a for a son.
  - B. She vowed to God that if He would give her a son, she would give him back to God.
  - C. Greatness can often be traced back to \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 1. Biblical examples:
      - a. \_\_\_\_\_ had good honest and righteous earthly parents.
      - b. \_\_\_\_\_ had godly parents.
      - c. Timothy was the Christian he was due in large part to the faith that dwelt in his grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ and his mother \_\_\_\_\_.
      - d. \_\_\_\_\_ parents inquired of the Lord how to raise him.
    - 2. Other parents
      - a. Abraham Lincoln
      - b. Grover Cleveland
      - c. James Garfield
  - D. Hannah promised her son to the Lord.
  - E. We should do the same by raising our children according to \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 1. Too many parents look out for the secular things for their children, but forget the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 2. Proverbs 22:16
    - 3. Ephesians 6:4

II. Samuel's Call I Samuel 3

- A. Samuel ministered to the Lord under \_\_\_\_\_ the priest.

- B. Eli's sons were "\_\_\_\_\_."
- C. Samuel heard a voice one night \_\_\_\_\_ times.
- D. Eli finally figured out it was the voice of the Lord.
- E. Samuel was to tell Eli that he and his family were rejected.
- F. Today we need the \_\_\_\_\_ of Samuel.
  1. I Corinthians 16:13
  2. II Timothy 4:2-4
  3. Like Samuel and Paul we must declare the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:27

### III. Samuel And Adversity

- A. Samuel had a lot of adversity in his life.
  1. He had to fight the \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. His son's did \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of the Lord.
  3. The people wanted a \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. He had to stand-up against \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. How did he handle it?
  1. He did nothing mean.
  2. He challenged them to find a dishonorable act in his whole life.
  3. He reminded them of God's mercies
  4. He prayed for them.
- C. How do we handle adversity?
  1. Adversity brings out one's \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Adversity will either make us \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. James 1:2-4
  4. If adversity comes in the form a person, \_\_\_\_\_ that person.

### IV. Samuel Was God's Mouthpiece

- A. God called Samuel to tell Saul he was selected to be King.
- B. God called Samuel to tell Saul he was rejected as King.
- C. Saul had \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. If he would have \_\_\_\_\_ the commands of the Lord, there is no telling what he might have accomplished.
- E. Instead he ended up trying to take his \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. Saul was guilty of \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

### Conclusion:

- A. Which man represents you?
  1. Samuel
  2. Saul
- B. You can become a Christian and live a faithful life to God.
- C. Or you can reject God and suffer the consequences.
- D. ARE YOU A SAMUEL OR A SAUL?