第三篇

從撒母耳的歷史看屬靈的原則、生命的功課、以及聖別的警告

詩歌：

讀經：撒上一 10～11，18～20，27～28，二 30，35～36，三 1～21，四 11～22，七 3～17，十二 23

撒上 1:10 哈拿魂裏愁苦，就向耶和華禱告，痛痛哭泣；
撒上 1:11 她許願說，萬軍之耶和華阿，你若垂顧你婢女的苦情，記念我，不忘記你的婢女，賜你的婢女一個男孩，我必將他終身獻與耶和華，不用剃刀剃他的頭。

撒上 1:18 哈拿說，願婢女在你眼前蒙恩。於是婦人回去，並且喫飯，面上不再帶愁容了。
撒上 1:19 次日，他們清早起來，在耶和華面前敬拜，就回拉瑪，到了家裏。以利加拿和妻子哈拿同房；耶和華記念哈拿。
撒上 1:20 哈拿就懷孕，時候到了，生了一個兒子，給他起名叫撒母耳，說，因爲他是我從耶和華求來的。
撒上 1:27 我禱告爲要得這孩子；耶和華已將我向祂所求的賜給我了。

撒上 1:28 所以，我也將這孩子藉與耶和華；他終身都是藉與耶和華的。於是他在那裏敬拜耶和華。
撒上 2:30 因此，耶和華以色列的神宣示說，我確實說過，你家和你父家必永遠行在我面前；但現在我耶和華宣示說，我絕不容你們這樣行。因爲尊重我的，我必尊重他們；藐視我的，他們必被輕視。
撒上 2:35 我要爲自己立一個忠信的祭司；他必照我的心意而行。我要爲他建立穩固的家；他必永遠行在我的受膏者面前。
撒上 2:36 你家所剩餘的人都必來叩拜他，求塊銀子，求個餅，說，求你使我有分於祭司的職任，好叫我得點餅喫。

撒上 3:1 童子撒母耳在以利面前事奉耶和華。當那些日子，耶和華的言語稀少，不常有異象。
撒上 3:2 一日，以利睡臥在自己的地方；他眼目已經昏花，不能看

Message Three

Spiritual Principles, Life Lessons, and Holy Warnings Seen in the History of Samuel

Hymns:

Scripture Reading: 1 Sam. 1:10-11, 18-20, 27-28; 2:30, 35-36; 3:1-21; 4:11-22; 7:3-17; 12:23

1 Sam. 1:10 And she was bitter in soul and prayed to Jehovah and wept much.
1 Sam. 1:11 And she made a vow and said, O Jehovah of hosts, if You will indeed look upon the affliction of Your female servant and remember me and not forget Your female servant, but give to Your female servant a male child, then I will give him to Jehovah for all the days of his life, and no razor will come upon his head.
1 Sam. 1:18 And she said, Let your servant find favor in your sight. And the woman went her way; and she ate, and her countenance was sad no more.
1 Sam. 1:19 And they rose up early in the morning and worshipped before Jehovah; and they returned and came to their house in Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and Jehovah remembered her.
1 Sam. 1:20 And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son; and she called his name Samuel, For, she said, I asked for him of Jehovah.
1 Sam. 1:27 It was for this child that I prayed, and Jehovah has granted me my request that I requested from Him.
1 Sam. 1:28 Therefore I, for my part, have lent him to Jehovah; all the days that he lives, he is lent to Jehovah. And he worshipped Jehovah there.
1 Sam. 2:30 Therefore Jehovah the God of Israel declares, I surely said that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever; but now Jehovah declares, Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who spurn Me will be lightly esteemed.

1 Sam. 2:35 And I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in My heart and in My mind; and I will build him a sure house; and he will go before My anointed continually.
1 Sam. 2:36 And everyone who is left of your house will come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and for a loaf of bread, and will say, Please put me in one of the priests' offices that I may eat a morsel of bread.
1 Sam. 3:1 And the boy Samuel ministered to Jehovah before Eli. Now the word of Jehovah was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.
1 Sam. 3:2 And at that time Eli lay in his place, and his eyesight had begun to grow dim, so that he could

見。
撒上 3:3 神的燈還沒有熄滅；撒母耳睡臥在耶和華的殿中，那裏有神的約櫃。
撒上 3:4 耶和華呼喚撒母耳。撒母耳說，我在這裏。
撒上 3:5 他就跑到以利那裏，說，你呼喚我，我在這裏。以利說，我沒有呼喚你，回去睡罷。他就去睡了。
撒上 3:6 耶和華又呼喚說，撒母耳。撒母耳起來，到以利那裏，說，你呼喚我，我在這裏。以利說，我兒，我沒有呼喚你，回去睡罷。
撒上 3:7 那時撒母耳還未認識耶和華，耶和華的話還未向他啓示。
撒上 3:8 耶和華第三次呼喚撒母耳。撒母耳起來，到以利那裏，說，你呼喚我，我在這裏。以利纔明白是耶和華呼喚童子。
撒上 3:9 於是以利對撒母耳說，去睡罷；祂若呼喚你，你就說，耶和華阿，請說，僕人敬聽。撒母耳就去，睡在原處。
撒上 3:10 耶和華又來站着，像前幾次呼喚說，撒母耳，撒母耳。撒母耳說，請說，僕人敬聽。
撒上 3:11 耶和華對撒母耳說，我在以色列中必行一件事，叫一切聽見的人無不耳鳴。
撒上 3:12 我指着以利家所說的話，到了那日，必從始至終應驗在以利身上。
撒上 3:13 我曾告訴他，我必因他所知道的罪孽，永遠降罰與他的家；因爲他兒子自招咒詛，他卻不禁止他們。
撒上 3:14 所以我向以利家起誓說，以利家的罪孽永不能藉祭物和供物得遮蓋。
撒上 3:15 撒母耳睡到天亮，就開了耶和華的殿門；撒母耳不敢將異象告訴以利。
撒上 3:16 以利呼喚撒母耳說，我兒撒母耳。撒母耳說，我在這裏。
撒上 3:17 以利說，耶和華對你說了甚麼話？你不要向我隱瞞；你若將神對你所說的隱瞞一句，願祂重重的降罰與你。
撒上 3:18 撒母耳就把一切話都告訴了以利，並沒有隱瞞。以利說，祂是耶和華，願祂行自己眼中看爲好的。
撒上 3:19 撒母耳長大了，耶和華與他同在，使他所說的話一句都不落空。
撒上 3:20 從但到別是巴所有的以色列人都知道，撒母耳被確立爲耶和華的申言者。
撒上 3:21 耶和華繼續在示羅顯現；因爲耶和華在示羅藉着祂的話，將祂自己啓示給撒母耳。
撒上 4:11 神的約櫃被擄去，以利的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈也死了。
撒上 4:12 當日，有一個便雅憫人從陣上逃跑，衣服撕裂，頭蒙塵土，來到示羅。
撒上 4:13 到了的時候，以利正在路旁坐在自己的位上觀望，爲神的約櫃心裏戰兢。那人進城報信，合城的人就都呼喊起來。
撒上 4:14 以利聽見呼喊的聲音就說，這喧嚷的聲音是怎麼回事？那人急忙來報信給以利。
撒上 4:15 那時以利九十八歲了，眼目發直，不能看見。
撒上 4:16 那人對以利說，我是從陣上來的，今日我從陣上逃回。以利說，我兒，事情怎樣？
撒上 4:17 報信的回答說，以色列人在非利士人面前逃跑，民中被殺

not see.
1 Sam. 3:3 And the lamp of God had not yet gone out. And Samuel lay in the temple of Jehovah, where the Ark of God was.
1 Sam. 3:4 Then Jehovah called to Samuel. And he said, Here I am.
1 Sam. 3:5 And he ran to Eli and said, Here I am, for you called me. And he said, I did not call. Go back and lie down. And he went and lay down.
1 Sam. 3:6 And Jehovah called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel rose up and went to Eli and said, Here I am, for you called me. And he said, I did not call, my son. Go back and lie down.
1 Sam. 3:7 Now Samuel did not yet know Jehovah, and the word of Jehovah had not yet been revealed to him.
1 Sam. 3:8 Then Jehovah called Samuel again, the third time. And he rose up and went to Eli and said, Here I am, for you called me. Then Eli perceived that it was Jehovah calling the boy.
1 Sam. 3:9 And Eli said to Samuel, Go and lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, Speak, O Jehovah; for Your servant is listening. And Samuel went and lay down in his place.
1 Sam. 3:10 Then Jehovah came and stood by and called as at the other times, Samuel! Samuel! And Samuel said, Speak, for Your servant is listening.
1 Sam. 3:11 And Jehovah said to Samuel, I am about to do something in Israel which will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle.
1 Sam. 3:12 On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.
1 Sam. 3:13 For I have told him that I am about to judge his house forever because of the iniquity which he knew; for his sons brought the curse upon themselves, and he did not restrain them.
1 Sam. 3:14 And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of the house of Eli shall not be expiated by sacrifice or by offering forever.
1 Sam. 3:15 And Samuel lay down until the morning, when he opened the doors of the house of Jehovah. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.
1 Sam. 3:16 But Eli called Samuel and said, Samuel my son. And he said, Here I am.
1 Sam. 3:17 And he said, What was the word that He spoke to you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you, and even more, if you hide from me any of the word which He spoke to you.
1 Sam. 3:18 So Samuel told him everything and did not hide anything from him. And he said, He is Jehovah; let Him do what is good in His sight.
1 Sam. 3:19 And Samuel grew, and Jehovah was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.
1 Sam. 3:20 And all Israel, from Dan to Beer-sheba, knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of Jehovah.
1 Sam. 3:21 And Jehovah continued to appear in Shiloh, for Jehovah revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of Jehovah.
1 Sam. 4:11 And the Ark of God was taken, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.
1 Sam. 4:12 And a man of Benjamin ran from the array and came to Shiloh on the same day, with his clothes torn and earth upon his head.
1 Sam. 4:13 And when he came, there was Eli, sitting on his seat by the roadside watching; for his heart trembled for the Ark of God. And when the man came to tell the news to the city, the whole city cried out.
1 Sam. 4:14 And when Eli heard the sound of the cry, he said, What does this sound of commotion mean? And the man hurried and came and told Eli.
1 Sam. 4:15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old; and his eyes were set, and he could not see.
1 Sam. 4:16 And the man said to Eli, I am he who has come from the array, and I fled from the array today. And he said, How did the matter go, my son?
1 Sam. 4:17 And he who brought the news answered and said, Israel fled before the Philistines, and there

的甚多；你的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈也都死了，並且神的約櫃被擄去。

撒上 4:18 他一題到神的約櫃，以利就從他的位上往後跌倒在門旁，頸項折斷而死；因爲他年紀老邁，身體沉重。以利作以色列的士師四十年。

撒上 4:19 以利的兒媳，非尼哈的妻子懷孕將到產期，她聽見神的約櫃被擄去，以及她公公和丈夫都死了的消息，就猛然疼痛，曲身生產。

撒上 4:20 她將要死的時候，旁邊站着的婦人們對她說，不要怕，你生了一個兒子了；她卻不回答，也不放在心上。

撒上 4:21 她給孩子起名叫以迦博，說，榮耀離開以色列了；這是因爲神的約櫃被擄去，又因爲她公公和丈夫都死了。

撒上 4:22 她又說，榮耀離開以色列，因爲神的約櫃被擄去了。

撒上 7:3 撒母耳對以色列全家說，你們若全心回轉歸向耶和華，就要把外邦的神和亞斯他錄從你們中間除掉，專心歸向耶和華，單單事奉祂；祂必救你們脫離非利士人的手。

撒上 7:4 以色列人就除掉諸巴力和亞斯他錄，單單事奉耶和華。

撒上 7:5 撒母耳說，要使以色列眾人聚集在米斯巴，我好爲你們禱告耶和華。

撒上 7:6 他們就聚集在米斯巴，打水澆在耶和華面前，當日禁食，在那裏說，我們得罪了耶和華。於是撒母耳在米斯巴審判以色列人。

撒上 7:7 非利士人聽見以色列人聚集在米斯巴，非利士人的首領就上來要攻擊以色列人。以色列人聽見，就懼怕非利士人。

撒上 7:8 以色列人對撒母耳說，請你不住的爲我們哀求耶和華我們的神，好叫祂救我們脫離非利士人的手。

撒上 7:9 撒母耳就把一隻喫奶的羊羔，獻與耶和華作全牲的燔祭，爲以色列人哀求耶和華；耶和華就應允他。

撒上 7:10 撒母耳正獻燔祭的時候，非利士人前來要與以色列人爭戰。當日，耶和華向非利士人大發雷聲，驚亂他們，他們就在以色列人面前被擊敗。

撒上 7:11 以色列人從米斯巴出來，追趕非利士人，擊殺他們，直到伯甲的下邊。

撒上 7:12 撒母耳將一塊石頭立在米斯巴和善的中間，給石頭起名叫以便以謝，說，到如今耶和華都幫助我們。

撒上 7:13 從此，非利士人就被制伏，不再入以色列的境內了。撒母耳作士師的一切日子，耶和華的手總是攻擊非利士人。

撒上 7:14 非利士人從以色列人所取的城邑，從以革倫直到迦特，都歸還以色列人了。屬這些城的四境，以色列人也從非利士人手下取回。那時以色列人與亞摩利人之間相安無事。

撒上 7:15 撒母耳一生的日子作以色列的士師。

撒上 7:16 他每年巡迴於伯特利、吉甲、米斯巴各地，在這幾處審判以色列人。

撒上 7:17 隨後他回到拉瑪，因爲他的家在那裏；他也在那裏審判以色列人，且在那裏爲耶和華築了一座壇。

was a great slaughter among the people; and even your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead; and the Ark of God has been taken.

1 Sam. 4:18 And when he mentioned the Ark of God, Eli fell from off his seat backward by the side of the gate. And he broke his neck and died, for he was an old man and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

1 Sam. 4:19 And his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to deliver; and when she heard the report that the Ark of God had been taken and that her father-in-law and her husband had died, she bowed down and gave birth, for her pains came upon her.

1 Sam. 4:20 And around the time that she died, the women who stood around her said, Do not fear, for you have borne a son. But she did not answer or pay attention.

1 Sam. 4:21 And she named the child Ichabod, meaning, The glory has departed from Israel, because the Ark of God had been taken and because of her father-in-law and her husband.

1 Sam. 4:22 And she said, The glory has departed from Israel, for the Ark of God has been taken.

1 Sam. 7:3 Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, If you are returning with all your heart to Jehovah, remove the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from your midst, and direct your heart to Jehovah and serve only Him; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.

1 Sam. 7:4 Then the children of Israel removed the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and served only Jehovah.

1 Sam. 7:5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray to Jehovah for you.

1 Sam. 7:6 And they gathered at Mizpah and drew water and poured it out before Jehovah, and they fasted that day. And they said there, We have sinned against Jehovah. And Samuel judged the children of Israel at Mizpah.

1 Sam. 7:7 Now when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel gathered themselves at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard of it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

1 Sam. 7:8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Do not stop crying to Jehovah our God for us, so that He will save us from the hand of the Philistines.

1 Sam. 7:9 And Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it up as a whole burnt offering to Jehovah. And Samuel cried out to Jehovah for Israel, and Jehovah answered him.

1 Sam. 7:10 And while Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines approached for battle against Israel. And Jehovah thundered with a great voice that day against the Philistines and threw them into a panic; and they were struck down before Israel.

1 Sam. 7:11 And the men of Israel went out from Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, and they struck them as far as below Beth-car.

1 Sam. 7:12 Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen; and he called its name Eben-ezer and said, Thus far Jehovah has helped us.

1 Sam. 7:13 So the Philistines were subdued, and they no longer came into the territory of Israel. And the hand of Jehovah was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

1 Sam. 7:14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were returned to Israel, from Ekron to Gath; and Israel rescued their territory from the hand of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

1 Sam. 7:15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

1 Sam. 7:16 And he went year by year in circuit to Bethel and Gilgal and Mizpah, and he judged Israel in all those places.

1 Sam. 7:17 Then he would return to Ramah, for his house was there. And he judged Israel there and built an altar to Jehovah there.

撒上 12:23 至於我，斷不停止爲你們禱告，免得我得罪耶和華；我必以善與正的道路指教你們。

1 Sam. 12:23 Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I would sin against Jehovah by ceasing to pray for you, but I will instruct you in the good and right way.

壹 撒母耳屬利未支派，（代上六 33 ～ 38，）但不屬亞倫家，就是神所命定爲祭司的家；撒母耳不是生爲祭司，乃是憑拿細耳人的願成爲祭司事奉主：

I. Samuel was of the tribe of Levi (1 Chron. 6:33-38) but was not of the house of Aaron, the family of the priests ordained by God; Samuel ministered to the Lord as one who was a priest not by birth but by the Nazarite vow:

代上 6:33 供職的人和他們的子孫記在下面：哥轄人的子孫中有歌唱的希幔；希幔是約珥的兒子，約珥是撒母耳的兒子，
代上 6:34 撒母耳是以利加拿的兒子，以利加拿是耶羅罕的兒子，耶羅罕是以列的兒子，以列是陀亞的兒子，
代上 6:35 陀亞是蘇弗的兒子，蘇弗是以利加拿的兒子，以利加拿是瑪哈的兒子，瑪哈是亞瑪賽的兒子，
代上 6:36 亞瑪賽是以利加拿的兒子，以利加拿是約珥的兒子，約珥是亞撒利雅的兒子，亞撒利雅是西番雅的兒子，
代上 6:37 西番雅是他哈的兒子，他哈是亞惜的兒子，亞惜是以比雅撒的兒子，以比雅撒是可拉的兒子，
代上 6:38 可拉是以斯哈的兒子，以斯哈是哥轄的兒子，哥轄是利未的兒子，利未是以色列的兒子。

1 Chron. 6:33 And these are they who attended and their sons: Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel,
1 Chron. 6:34 The son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah,
1 Chron. 6:35 The son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,
1 Chron. 6:36 The son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,
1 Chron. 6:37 The son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,
1 Chron. 6:38 The son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel;

一 神的行動和祂對哈拿禱告的答應，乃是要產生一個絕對爲着成全神願望之得勝的拿細耳人；撒母耳甚至在出生之前，就被他母親奉獻作這樣的人—撒上一 10 ～ 11，18 ～ 20。

A. God's move with His answer to Hannah's prayer was to produce an overcoming Nazarite who was absolute for the fulfilling of God's desire; even before he was born, Samuel was consecrated by his mother to be such a person—1 Sam. 1:10-11, 18-20.

撒上 1:10 哈拿魂裏愁苦，就向耶和華禱告，痛痛哭泣；
撒上 1:11 她許願說，萬軍之耶和華阿，你若垂顧你婢女的苦情，記念我，不忘記你的婢女，賜你的婢女一個男孩，我必將他終身獻與耶和華，不用剃刀剃他的頭。

撒上 1:18 哈拿說，願婢女在你眼前蒙恩。於是婦人回去，並且喫飯，面上不再帶愁容了。
撒上 1:19 次日，他們清早起來，在耶和華面前敬拜，就回拉瑪，到了家裏。以利加拿和妻子哈拿同房；耶和華記念哈拿。
撒上 1:20 哈拿就懷孕，時候到了，生了一個兒子，給他起名叫撒母耳，說，因爲他是我從耶和華求來的。

1 Sam. 1:10 And she was bitter in soul and prayed to Jehovah and wept much.
1 Sam. 1:11 And she made a vow and said, O Jehovah of hosts, if You will indeed look upon the affliction of Your female servant and remember me and not forget Your female servant, but give to Your female servant a male child, then I will give him to Jehovah for all the days of his life, and no razor will come upon his head.
1 Sam. 1:18 And she said, Let your servant find favor in your sight. And the woman went her way; and she ate, and her countenance was sad no more.
1 Sam. 1:19 And they rose up early in the morning and worshipped before Jehovah; and they returned and came to their house in Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and Jehovah remembered her.
1 Sam. 1:20 And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son; and she called his name Samuel, For, she said, I asked for him of Jehovah.

二 神渴望祂所有的子民都是拿細耳人；作拿細耳人乃是絕對且徹底的成爲聖別，分別出來歸給神，就是不爲着神以外的其他事物，而只爲着神和神的滿足—耶穌的見證，就是作見證的召會，作爲基督的見證和彰顯—民六 1 ～ 2，詩七三 25 ～

B. God desires that all His people be Nazarites; to be a Nazarite is to be sanctified, separated, absolutely and ultimately to God, that is, to be for nothing other than God and for nothing other than His satisfaction—the testimony of Jesus, which is the testifying church as the testimony and the expression of Christ—Num. 6:1-2; Psa. 73:25-26; Rev. 1:2, 9-13; 19:10; cf.

26，啓一 2，9～13，十九 10，參出三八 21：

民 6:1 耶和華對摩西說，
民 6:2 你要對以色列人說，無論男女許了特別的願，就是拿細耳人的願，要將自己分別出來歸給耶和華，
詩 73:25 除你以外，在天上我有誰呢？除你以外，在地上我也沒有所愛慕的。
詩 73:26 我的肉體和我的心腸衰殘，但神是我心裏的磐石，又是我的業分，直到永遠。
啓 1:2 約翰便將神的話，和耶穌基督的見證，凡自己所看見的，都見證出來。
啓 1:9 我約翰，就是你們的弟兄，和你們在耶穌的患難、國度、忍耐裏一同有分的，爲神的話和耶穌的見證，曾在那名叫拔摩的海島上。
啓 1:10 當主日我在靈裏，聽見在我後面有大聲音如吹號說，
啓 1:11 你所看見的，當寫在書上，寄給那七個召會：給以弗所、給士每拿、給別迦摩、給推雅推喇、給撒狄、給非拉鐵非、給老底嘉。
啓 1:12 我轉過身來，要看是誰發聲與我說話；既轉過來，就看見七個金燈臺；
啓 1:13 燈臺中間，有一位好像人子，身穿長袍，直垂到腳，胸間束着金帶。
啓 19:10 我就俯伏在他腳前要拜他。他說，千萬不可。我和你並你那些持守耶穌見證的弟兄，同是作奴僕的；你要敬拜神！因爲耶穌的見證乃是豫言的靈。
出 38:21 這是見證的帳幕中，利未人事奉所用物件的總數，是照摩西的吩咐，經祭司亞倫的兒子以他瑪的手數點的。

1 拿細耳人要禁絕酒和任何與其來源有關的東西，表徵禁絕各種屬地的享受和娛樂，並接受且經歷基督作他的享受和娛樂；喫生命樹，就是享受基督作我們生命的供應，該是召會生活中首要的事—民六3～4，啓二 7，士九 12～13。

民 6:3 他就要遠離淡酒和濃酒，也不可喝淡酒或濃酒作的醋；不可喝甚麼葡萄汁，也不可喫鮮葡萄或乾葡萄。
民 6:4 在他分別出來的一切日子，凡葡萄樹上結的，自核至皮所作的物，都不可喫。
啓 2:7 那靈向眾召會所說的話，凡有耳的，就應當聽。得勝的，我必將神樂園中生命樹的果子賜給他喫。
士 9:12 眾樹對葡萄樹說，請你來作我們的王。
士 9:13 葡萄樹對他們說，我豈可停止生產我那使神和人喜樂的新酒，去飄颺在眾樹之上呢？

2 拿細耳人不可剃頭，表徵不可棄絕主的主權，乃要

Exo. 38:21:

Num. 6:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
Num. 6:2 Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, When a man or a woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazarite, to separate himself to Jehovah,
Psa. 73:25 Whom do I have in heaven but You? / And besides You there is nothing I desire on earth.

Psa. 73:26 My flesh and my heart fail, / But God is the rock of my heart and my portion forever.

Rev. 1:2 Who testified the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, even all that he saw.

Rev. 1:9 I John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

Rev. 1:10 I was in spirit on the Lord's Day and heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,
Rev. 1:11 Saying, What you see write in a scroll and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamos and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.

Rev. 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me; and when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands,
Rev. 1:13 And in the midst of the lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment reaching to the feet, and girded about at the breasts with a golden girdle.
Rev. 19:10 And I fell before his feet to worship him. And he said to me, Do not do this. I am your fellow slave and a fellow slave of your brothers who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of the prophecy.
Exo. 38:21 This is the sum of the things for the tabernacle, the Tabernacle of the Testimony, as they were counted according to the commandment of Moses for the service of the Levites by the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

1. For a Nazarite to abstain from wine and anything related to its source signifies abstaining from all kinds of earthly enjoyment and pleasure and taking and experiencing Christ as his enjoyment and pleasure; eating the tree of life, that is, enjoying Christ as our life supply, should be the primary matter in the church life—Num. 6:3-4; Rev. 2:7; Judg. 9:12-13.

Num. 6:3 He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar of wine or vinegar of strong drink, nor shall he drink any juice of grapes, nor eat fresh or dried grapes.
Num. 6:4 All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grape vine, from the seeds even to the skin.
Rev. 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.
Judg. 9:12 Then the trees said to the vine, You come and reign over us.
Judg. 9:13 But the vine said to them, Shall I leave my new wine, which cheers God and men, and go to wave over the trees?

2. For a Nazarite to not shave his head signifies not rejecting but being

絕對服從，也要服從神所設立的一切代表權柄—民六5，羅十三1～2上，弗五21，23，六1，來十三17，彼前五5。

民 6:5 在他許願分別出來的一切日子，不可用剃刀剃頭。他要成爲聖別，直到他將自己分別出來歸耶和華的日子滿了；他要任由髮綹長長。
羅 13:1 在上有權柄的，人人都當服從，因爲沒有權柄不是從神來的，凡掌權的都是神所設立的。
羅 13:2 所以抗拒掌權的，就是抗拒神的設立；抗拒的必自招處罰。

弗 5:21 憑着敬畏基督，彼此服從：
弗 5:23 因爲丈夫是妻子的頭，如同基督是召會的頭；祂自己乃是身體的救主。
弗 6:1 作兒女的，要在主裏順從你們的父母，因爲這是正當的。
來 13:17 你們要信從那些帶領你們的，且要服從；因他們爲你們的魂儆醒，好像要交賬的人；你們要使他們歡樂的作這事，不至歎息；若歎息，就與你們無益了。
彼前 5:5 照樣，年幼的，要服從年長的；你們眾人彼此相待，也都要以謙卑束腰，因爲神敵擋狂傲的人，賜恩給謙卑的人。

3 拿細耳人不該因血親的死受玷污，而該一直分別爲聖歸神，表徵拿細耳人要勝過天然的情感—民六7。

民 6:7 他的父母、兄弟、或姊妹死了的時候，他不可因他們使自己不潔淨，因爲那分別出來歸神的憑據在他頭上。

4 拿細耳人不可挨近死人，或因身旁有人忽然死了，以致受了玷污，表徵拿細耳人要從死亡分別出來—6～9節，啓三4，利十一31，五2，參約壹五16。

民 6:6 在他將自己分別出來歸耶和華的一切日子，不可挨近死人。
民 6:7 他的父母、兄弟、或姊妹死了的時候，他不可因他們使自己不潔淨，因爲那分別出來歸神的憑據在他頭上。
民 6:8 在他分別出來的一切日子，他是歸耶和華爲聖的。
民 6:9 若有人在他旁邊忽然死了，以致玷污了他分別出來的頭，他就要在得潔淨的日子剃頭，就是在第七日剃頭。
啓 3:4 然而在撒狄，你還有幾名是未曾玷污自己衣服的，他們要穿白衣與我同行，因爲他們是配得過的。
利 11:31 這些爬物對你們都是不潔淨的；在牠們死後，凡觸着牠們的，必不潔淨到晚上。
利 5:2 或是有人觸着甚麼不潔之物，無論是不潔之獸的屍體，或不潔之牲畜的屍體，或不潔之爬物的屍體，他卻沒有覺察到，因此成了不潔，就有了罪過。
約壹 5:16 人若看見他的弟兄犯了不至於死的罪，就當爲他祈求，將

absolutely subject to the headship of the Lord as well as to all deputy authorities appointed by God—Num. 6:5; Rom. 13:1-2a; Eph. 5:21, 23; 6:1; Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 5:5.

Num. 6:5 All the days of his vow of separation no razor shall pass over his head. He shall be holy until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to Jehovah; he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long.
Rom. 13:1 Let every person be subject to the authorities over him, for there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are ordained by God.
Rom. 13:2 So then he who resists the authority opposes God's ordination, and those who oppose will receive judgment to themselves.
Eph. 5:21 Being subject to one another in the fear of Christ:
Eph. 5:23 For a husband is head of the wife as also Christ is Head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the Body.
Eph. 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
Heb. 13:17 Obey the ones leading you and submit to them, for they watch over your souls as those who will render an account, that they may do this with joy and not groaning; for this would be unprofitable to you.
1 Pet. 5:5 In like manner, younger men, be subject to elders; and all of you gird yourselves with humility toward one another, because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

3. For a Nazarite to not be defiled by the death of his blood relatives, but remain in his separation to be holy to God, signifies that a Nazarite overcomes natural affection—Num. 6:7.

Num. 6:7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father or for his mother, for his brother or for his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is upon his head.

4. For a Nazarite to not come near a dead person or to not be defiled by the sudden death of one beside him signifies that a Nazarite is separated from death—vv. 6-9; Rev. 3:4; Lev. 11:31; 5:2; cf. 1 John 5:16.

Num. 6:6 All the days that he separates himself to Jehovah he shall not come near a dead person.
Num. 6:7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father or for his mother, for his brother or for his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is upon his head.
Num. 6:8 All the days of his separation he is holy to Jehovah.
Num. 6:9 And if anyone dies very suddenly beside him so that he defiles the head of his separation, then he shall shave his head on the day he becomes clean; on the seventh day shall he shave it.
Rev. 3:4 But you have a few names in Sardis who have not defiled their garments, and they will walk with Me in white because they are worthy.
Lev. 11:31 These are unclean to you among all the swarming things; whoever touches them when they are dead shall be unclean until the evening.
Lev. 5:2 Or if anyone touches any unclean thing, whether the carcass of an unclean animal or the carcass of unclean cattle or the carcass of unclean swarming things, and it escapes his notice, and he is unclean, then he will be guilty.
1 John 5:16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not unto death, he shall ask and he will give life to

生命賜給他，就是給那些犯了不至於死之罪的。有至於死的罪，我不說當爲那罪祈求。

貳 在撒母耳的時候，亞倫家的祭司職分已完全墮落；但神豫先看見這光景，就在祂命定亞倫家作祭司以外，作了一個補充—倘若命定的祭司有所不足，就有民數記六章拿細耳人的願：

民 6:1 耶和華對摩西說，
民 6:2 你要對以色列人說，無論男女許了特別的願，就是拿細耳人的願，要將自己分別出來歸給耶和華，
民 6:3 他就要遠離淡酒和濃酒，也不可喝淡酒或濃酒作的醋；不可喝甚麼葡萄汁，也不可喫鮮葡萄或乾葡萄。
民 6:4 在他分別出來的一切日子，凡葡萄樹上結的，自核至皮所作的物，都不可喫。
民 6:5 在他許願分別出來的一切日子，不可用剃刀剃頭。他要成爲聖別，直到他將自己分別出來歸耶和華的日子滿了；他要任由髮綹長長。
民 6:6 在他將自己分別出來歸耶和華的一切日子，不可挨近死人。
民 6:7 他的父母、兄弟、或姊妹死了的時候，他不可因他們使自己不潔淨，因爲那分別出來歸神的憑據在他頭上。
民 6:8 在他分別出來的一切日子，他是歸耶和華爲聖的。
民 6:9 若有人在他旁邊忽然死了，以致玷污了他分別出來的頭，他就要在得潔淨的日子剃頭，就是在第七日剃頭。
民 6:10 第八日，他要把兩隻斑鳩或兩隻雛鴿帶到會幕門口，交給祭司。
民 6:11 祭司要獻一隻作贖罪祭，一隻作燔祭，爲他因死人而有的罪遮罪。他要在當日使自己的頭分別爲聖；
民 6:12 他要將自己分別出來的日子，重新分別出來歸給耶和華，又要牽一隻一歲的公羊羔來作贖愆祭；那先前的日子要歸徒然，因爲他在分別出來的期間被玷污了。
民 6:13 拿細耳人滿了分別出來的日子，條例乃是這樣：人要領他到會幕門口；
民 6:14 他要將供物奉給耶和華，就是一隻沒有殘疾、一歲的公羊羔作燔祭，一隻沒有殘疾、一歲的母羊羔作贖罪祭，一隻沒有殘疾的公綿羊作平安祭，
民 6:15 並一筐子無酵餅，就是細麵調油的餅，與抹油的無酵薄餅，並同獻的素祭和奠祭。
民 6:16 祭司要將這些奉到耶和華面前，獻上那人的贖罪祭和燔祭；
民 6:17 也要把那隻公綿羊連同那筐無酵餅，獻給耶和華作平安祭，又要將同獻的素祭和奠祭獻上。
民 6:18 拿細耳人要在會幕門口剃他分別出來的頭，把分別出來頭

him, to those sinning not unto death. There is a sin unto death; I do not say that he should make request concerning that.

II. At the time of Samuel, the priesthood of the house of Aaron was utterly fallen; God, however, foresaw the situation; besides His ordaining the house of Aaron to be the priests, He made a supplement—the Nazarite vow in Numbers 6—in case there should be an inadequacy in the ordained priests:

Num. 6:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
Num. 6:2 Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, When a man or a woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazarite, to separate himself to Jehovah,
Num. 6:3 He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar of wine or vinegar of strong drink, nor shall he drink any juice of grapes, nor eat fresh or dried grapes.
Num. 6:4 All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grape vine, from the seeds even to the skin.
Num. 6:5 All the days of his vow of separation no razor shall pass over his head. He shall be holy until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to Jehovah; he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long.
Num. 6:6 All the days that he separates himself to Jehovah he shall not come near a dead person.
Num. 6:7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father or for his mother, for his brother or for his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is upon his head.
Num. 6:8 All the days of his separation he is holy to Jehovah.
Num. 6:9 And if anyone dies very suddenly beside him so that he defiles the head of his separation, then he shall shave his head on the day he becomes clean; on the seventh day shall he shave it.
Num. 6:10 And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting,
Num. 6:11 And the priest shall offer one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, and make expiation for him because he sinned by reason of the dead person. And he shall sanctify his head that same day.
Num. 6:12 And he shall separate to Jehovah the days of his separation and shall bring a male lamb a year old for a trespass offering, but the former days shall be void because his separation was defiled.
Num. 6:13 Now this is the law of the Nazarite when the days of his separation are fulfilled: He shall be brought to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
Num. 6:14 And he shall present his offering to Jehovah: one male lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering, and one female lamb a year old without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for a peace offering,
Num. 6:15 And a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and their meal offering and their drink offerings.
Num. 6:16 And the priest shall present them before Jehovah and offer his sin offering and his burnt offering.
Num. 6:17 And he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings to Jehovah, with the basket of unleavened bread. The priest shall also offer its meal offering and its drink offering.
Num. 6:18 And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and take

上的髮放在平安祭下的火上。
民 6:19 他剃了以後，祭司就要取那煮過的公綿羊一條前腿，又從筐子裏取一個無酵餅，和一個無酵薄餅，都放在他手上；

民 6:20 祭司要拿這些作爲搖祭，在耶和華面前搖一搖；這與搖祭的胸、舉祭的腿，都歸祭司爲聖。然後拿細耳人可以喝酒。

民 6:21 許願的拿細耳人爲將自己分別出來，而獻供物給耶和華，並獻他在這之外所能獻的，條例就是這樣。他怎樣許願，就當怎樣照這分別出來的條例行。
民 6:22 耶和華對摩西說，
民 6:23 你要對亞倫和他兒子們說，你們要這樣爲以色列人祝福，說，
民 6:24 願耶和華賜福給你，保護你；
民 6:25 願耶和華使祂的面光照你，賜恩給你；
民 6:26 願耶和華向你仰臉，賜你平安。
民 6:27 他們要如此將我的名賜給以色列人，好使我賜福給他們。

一當亞倫家墮落了，這個補充就實際被使用；撒母耳就是藉着奉獻、分別、並借與神而成爲祭司—撒上一 11，27 ～ 28。

撒上 1:11 她許願說，萬軍之耶和華阿，你若垂顧你婢女的苦情，記念我，不忘記你的婢女，賜你的婢女一個男孩，我必將他終身獻與耶和華，不用剃刀剃他的頭。

撒上 1:27 我禱告爲要得這孩子；耶和華已將我向祂所求的賜給我了。

撒上 1:28 所以，我也將這孩子藉與耶和華；他終身都是藉與耶和華的。於是他在那裏敬拜耶和華。

二在以利的時候，就祭司職分而言，神是貧窮的，所以哈拿將撒母耳借與耶和華；在不正常的光景中，就着主的行政而言，祂變窮了，需要有人自願將自己借給祂。

三哈拿將撒母耳交給以利之後，她在禱告裏，讚美神藉着祂奇妙的作爲所施的救恩；她的禱告與神在祂經綸裏的行動有關，指明她認識一些神經綸的事—二 1 ～ 10。

撒上 2:1 哈拿禱告說，我的心因耶和華歡騰；我的角因耶和華高舉；我的口向仇敵張開，因爲我以耶和華的救恩爲樂。
撒上 2:2 沒有誰像耶和華那樣聖別，除你以外沒有別的；也沒有磐

the hair of the head of his separation and put it on the fire that is under the sacrifice of peace offerings.
Num. 6:19 And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram and one unleavened cake out of the basket and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them into the hands of the Nazarite after he has shaved the head of his separation;
Num. 6:20 And the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before Jehovah. It is holy for the priest, together with the breast of the wave offering and thigh of the heave offering. And afterward the Nazarite may drink wine.
Num. 6:21 This is the law of the Nazarite who vows, that is, of his offering to Jehovah for his separation, in addition to what he can afford; according to his vow which he vows, so he must do according to the law of his separation.
Num. 6:22 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
Num. 6:23 Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the children of Israel; you shall say to them,
Num. 6:24 Jehovah bless you and keep you;
Num. 6:25 Jehovah make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
Num. 6:26 Jehovah lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
Num. 6:27 So shall they put My name upon the children of Israel, that I Myself may bless them.

A. When the house of Aaron fell, this supplement was put into practical use; Samuel became a priest by being consecrated, separated, and lent to the Lord—1 Sam. 1:11, 27-28.

1 Sam. 1:11 And she made a vow and said, O Jehovah of hosts, if You will indeed look upon the affliction of Your female servant and remember me and not forget Your female servant, but give to Your female servant a male child, then I will give him to Jehovah for all the days of his life, and no razor will come upon his head.
1 Sam. 1:27 It was for this child that I prayed, and Jehovah has granted me my request that I requested from Him.
1 Sam. 1:28 Therefore I, for my part, have lent him to Jehovah; all the days that he lives, he is lent to Jehovah. And he worshipped Jehovah there.

B. At the time of Eli, God was poor as far as the priesthood was concerned, so Hannah lent Samuel to the Lord; when the situation is abnormal, the Lord becomes poor with respect to His administration, and there is the need for someone to voluntarily lend himself to the Lord.

C. After she presented Samuel to Eli, Hannah praised God for His salvation accomplished through His marvelous deeds; her prayer was related to God's move in His economy and indicated that she realized something concerning God's economy—2:1-10.

1 Sam. 2:1 And Hannah prayed and said: / My heart exults in Jehovah; / My horn is exalted in Jehovah; / My mouth is enlarged against my enemies, / Because I rejoice in Your salvation.
1 Sam. 2:2 There is none holy like Jehovah, / For there is none besides You; / Nor is there a rock like our

石像我們的神。
撒上 2:3 你們不要再說高傲的話，也不要口出狂妄的言語；因耶和華是全知的神，人的行爲被祂衡量。
撒上 2:4 勇士的弓都被折斷；跌倒的人卻以力量束腰。
撒上 2:5 素來飽足的，反作雇工求食；飢餓的，不再飢餓。不能生育的，生了七個兒女；多有兒女的，反倒衰微。
撒上 2:6 耶和華使人死，也使人活；使人下陰間，也使人上來。
撒上 2:7 耶和華使人貧窮，也使人富足；使人卑微，也使人高升。
撒上 2:8 祂從灰塵裏抬舉貧寒人，從糞堆中提拔窮乏人，使他們與尊貴人同坐，承受榮耀的座位。地的柱子屬於耶和華，祂將世界立在其上。
撒上 2:9 祂必保護祂虔誠人的腳步，使惡人在黑暗中寂然不動；因爲人都不能靠力量得勝。
撒上 2:10 與耶和華爭競的，必被打碎；祂必從天上以雷攻擊他們。耶和華必審判地極的人；祂必將力量賜與祂所立的王，高舉祂受膏者的角。

叁 撒母耳在老以利的監護下長大；撒母耳年幼時，在以利面前事奉耶和華，（11下，18～19，）受以利教導事奉神的路：

撒上 2:11 以利加拿往拉瑪回家去了。那孩子在祭司以利面前事奉耶和華。
撒上 2:18 那時，撒母耳還是童子，束着細麻布的以弗得，在耶和華面前供職。
撒上 2:19 他母親每年爲他作一件小外袍，同着丈夫上來獻年祭的時候帶來給他。

一耶和華三次呼喚撒母耳；『以利纔明白是耶和華呼喚童子。於是以利對撒母耳說，去睡罷；祂若呼喚你，你就說，耶和華阿，請說，僕人敬聽。…耶和華又來站着，像前幾次呼喚說，撒母耳，撒母耳。撒母耳說，請說，僕人敬聽』—三1～10：

撒上 3:1 童子撒母耳在以利面前事奉耶和華。當那些日子，耶和華的言語稀少，不常有異象。
撒上 3:2 一日，以利睡臥在自己的地方；他眼目已經昏花，不能看見。
撒上 3:3 神的燈還沒有熄滅；撒母耳睡臥在耶和華的殿中，那裏有神的約櫃。
撒上 3:4 耶和華呼喚撒母耳。撒母耳說，我在這裏。
撒上 3:5 他就跑到以利那裏，說，你呼喚我，我在這裏。以利說，我沒有呼喚你，回去睡罷。他就去睡了。
撒上 3:6 耶和華又呼喚說，撒母耳。撒母耳起來，到以利那裏，說，你呼喚我，我在這裏。以利說，我兒，我沒有呼喚你，回去睡罷。

God.
1 Sam. 2:3 Talk no more so very proudly; / Do not let arrogance go forth from your mouth; / For Jehovah is a God of knowledge, / And actions are weighed by Him.
1 Sam. 2:4 The bows of the mighty men are broken, / And those who stumbled are girded with strength.
1 Sam. 2:5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for food, / And those who were hungry are not so any longer. / She who was barren has borne seven, / And she who had many children languishes.
1 Sam. 2:6 Jehovah kills and makes alive; / He brings down to Sheol and brings up.
1 Sam. 2:7 Jehovah makes poor and makes rich; / He makes low and also lifts up.
1 Sam. 2:8 He raises the poor from the dust, / From the ash heap He lifts the needy, / That He may seat them with princes / And cause them to inherit the throne of glory. / For the pillars of the earth are Jehovah's, / And He has set the world upon them.
1 Sam. 2:9 He will keep the feet of His faithful ones, / But the wicked will be silenced in darkness; / For not by strength shall any man prevail.
1 Sam. 2:10 Those who strive with Jehovah will be shattered; / Against them He will thunder in heaven. / Jehovah will judge the ends of the earth; / And He will give strength to His king / And exalt the horn of His anointed.

III. Samuel grew up under the custody of Eli; in his youth Samuel ministered to Jehovah before Eli (vv. 11b, 18-19), being taught by Eli the way to minister to God:

1 Sam. 2:11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child ministered to Jehovah before Eli the priest.
1 Sam. 2:18 And Samuel ministered before Jehovah, as a boy wearing a linen ephod.

1 Sam. 2:19 And his mother would make him a little robe and bring it up to him yearly when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

A. God called Samuel three times; "then Eli perceived that it was Jehovah calling the boy. And Eli said to Samuel, Go and lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, Speak, O Jehovah; for Your servant is listening...Then Jehovah came and stood by and called as at the other times, Samuel! Samuel! And Samuel said, Speak, for Your servant is listening"—3:1-10:

1 Sam. 3:1 And the boy Samuel ministered to Jehovah before Eli. Now the word of Jehovah was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.
1 Sam. 3:2 And at that time Eli lay in his place, and his eyesight had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see.
1 Sam. 3:3 And the lamp of God had not yet gone out. And Samuel lay in the temple of Jehovah, where the Ark of God was.
1 Sam. 3:4 Then Jehovah called to Samuel. And he said, Here I am.
1 Sam. 3:5 And he ran to Eli and said, Here I am, for you called me. And he said, I did not call. Go back and lie down. And he went and lay down.
1 Sam. 3:6 And Jehovah called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel rose up and went to Eli and said, Here I am, for you called me. And he said, I did not call, my son. Go back and lie down.

撒上 3:7 那時撒母耳還未認識耶和華，耶和華的話還未向他啓示。
撒上 3:8 耶和華第三次呼喚撒母耳。撒母耳起來，到以利那裏，說，你呼喚我，我在這裏。以利纔明白是耶和華呼喚童子。
撒上 3:9 於是以利對撒母耳說，去睡罷；祂若呼喚你，你就說，耶和華阿，請說，僕人敬聽。撒母耳就去，睡在原處。
撒上 3:10 耶和華又來站着，像前幾次呼喚說，撒母耳，撒母耳。撒母耳說，請說，僕人敬聽。

1 這是撒母耳從以利所學習完全積極的事；我們作主的僕人，需要維持我們與祂的交通，一直聽祂一路一 34 ～ 38，十 38 ～ 42。

路 1:34 馬利亞對天使說，我沒有出嫁，怎麼會有這事？
路 1:35 天使回答說，聖靈要臨到你身上，至高者的能力要覆庇你，因此所要生的聖者，必稱爲神的兒子。

路 1:36 況且你看，你的親戚以利沙伯，就是那素來稱爲不生育的，在年老的時候，也懷了男胎，現在已是第六個月了。
路 1:37 因爲在神，沒有一句話是不可能的。
路 1:38 馬利亞說，看哪，我是主的婢女，情願照你的話成就在我身上。天使就離開她去了。
路 10:38 他們走路的時候，耶穌進了一個村莊；有一個女人名叫馬大，接待祂到家裏。
路 10:39 她有一個妹妹，名叫馬利亞，在主腳前坐着聽祂的話。
路 10:40 馬大伺候的事多，各方忙亂，就進前來，說，主阿，我妹妹留下我獨自一人伺候，你不在意麼？請吩咐她同我作她分內該作的事。
路 10:41 主回答她說，馬大，馬大，你爲許多的事思慮煩擾；

路 10:42 但是不可少的只有一件，馬利亞已經選擇那美好的分，是不能從她奪去的。

2 我們的生命，乃是在乎主的話語；我們的工作，乃是在乎主的命令；（啓二 7，撒上三 9 ～ 10，參賽五十 4 ～ 5，出二一 6；）信徒的一生，都繫於主的說話上。（弗五 26 ～ 27。）

啓 2:7 那靈向眾召會所說的話，凡有耳的，就應當聽。得勝的，我必將神樂園中生命樹的果子賜給他喫。
撒上 3:9 於是以利對撒母耳說，去睡罷；祂若呼喚你，你就說，耶和華阿，請說，僕人敬聽。撒母耳就去，睡在原處。
撒上 3:10 耶和華又來站着，像前幾次呼喚說，撒母耳，撒母耳。撒母耳說，請說，僕人敬聽。
賽 50:4 主耶和華賜我受教者的舌頭，使我知道怎樣用言語扶助疲乏的人。主每早晨喚醒我；祂喚醒我的耳朵，使我能聽，像受教者一樣。

1 Sam. 3:7 Now Samuel did not yet know Jehovah, and the word of Jehovah had not yet been revealed to him.
1 Sam. 3:8 Then Jehovah called Samuel again, the third time. And he rose up and went to Eli and said, Here I am, for you called me. Then Eli perceived that it was Jehovah calling the boy.
1 Sam. 3:9 And Eli said to Samuel, Go and lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, Speak, O Jehovah; for Your servant is listening. And Samuel went and lay down in his place.
1 Sam. 3:10 Then Jehovah came and stood by and called as at the other times, Samuel! Samuel! And Samuel said, Speak, for Your servant is listening.

1. This was something completely positive that Samuel learned from Eli; as the Lord's servants, we need to maintain our fellowship with Him, always listening to Him—Luke 1:34-38; 10:38-42.

Luke 1:34 But Mary said to the angel, How will this be, since I have not known a man?
Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.
Luke 1:36 And behold, Elizabeth your relative, she also has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who is called barren,
Luke 1:37 Because no word will be impossible with God.
Luke 1:38 And Mary said, Behold, the slave of the Lord. May it happen to me according to your word. And the angel departed from her.
Luke 10:38 Now as they went, He entered into a certain village, and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her home.
Luke 10:39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet and was listening to His word.
Luke 10:40 But Martha was being drawn about with much serving, and she came up to Him and said, Lord, does it not matter to You that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to do her part with me.
Luke 10:41 But the Lord answered and said to her, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things;
Luke 10:42 But there is need of one thing, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

2. Our lives depend on the Lord's words, and our work depends on His commands (Rev. 2:7; 1 Sam. 3:9-10; cf. Isa. 50:4-5; Exo. 21:6); the life of the believers hinges totally upon the Lord's speaking (Eph. 5:26-27).

Rev. 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.
1 Sam. 3:9 And Eli said to Samuel, Go and lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, Speak, O Jehovah; for Your servant is listening. And Samuel went and lay down in his place.
1 Sam. 3:10 Then Jehovah came and stood by and called as at the other times, Samuel! Samuel! And Samuel said, Speak, for Your servant is listening.
Isa. 50:4 The Lord Jehovah has given me / The tongue of the instructed, / That I should know how to sustain the weary with a word. / He awakens me morning by morning; / He awakens my ear / To hear as an instructed one.

賽 50:5　主耶和華開通我的耳朵；我並沒有違背，也沒有退後。
出 21:6　他的主人就要帶他到審判官那裏，又要帶他到門或門框那裏，用錐子穿他的耳朵，他就永遠服事主人。
弗 5:26　好聖化召會，藉着話中之水的洗滌潔淨召會，
弗 5:27　祂好獻給自己，作榮耀的召會，沒有斑點、皺紋、或任何這類的病，好使她成爲聖別、沒有瑕疵。

3 主的說話使我們能彀達成祂永遠經綸的目標，就是要得着新婦作祂的配偶—啓二 7，弗五 26 ～ 27，歌八 13 ～ 14。

啓 2:7　那靈向眾召會所說的話，凡有耳的，就應當聽。得勝的，我必將神樂園中生命樹的果子賜給他喫。
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歌 8:13　你這住在園中的，我的同伴都要聽你的聲音，求你使我也得聽見。
歌 8:14　我的良人哪，願你快來，如羚羊或小牡鹿在香草山上。

二撒母耳學習的時候，看到墮落之亞倫祭司職分的敗落：

1 撒母耳看見神的約櫃被以色列人的長老所僭用，被非利士人擄去，以及神的榮耀離開以色列；他看見神對以利家嚴厲的審判，包括以利的死，以及他兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈的死—撒上二 12 ～ 36，四 11 ～ 22。

撒上 2:12 以利的兩個兒子是卑劣之徒；他們不認識耶和華，
撒上 2:13 也不理會祭司從百姓所當得的分。凡有人獻祭，正煮肉的時候，祭司的僕人就來，手拿三齒的叉子，
撒上 2:14 將叉子插入盆裏，或鼎裏，或釜裏，或鍋裏；叉子所插上來的，祭司都取了去。凡到示羅來的以色列人，他們都是這樣對待。
撒上 2:15 甚至在未燒脂油以前，祭司的僕人就來對獻祭的人說，將肉給祭司去烤罷；他不要煮過的肉，只要生的。
撒上 2:16 獻祭的人若說，必須先燒脂油，然後你纔可以隨意取肉；僕人就說，你現在就給，不然我便搶去。
撒上 2:17 如此，這兩個少年人的罪在耶和華面前甚大，因爲他們藐視耶和華的供物。
撒上 2:18 那時，撒母耳還是童子，束着細麻布的以弗得，在耶和華面前供職。

Isa. 50:5　The Lord Jehovah has opened my ear; / And I was not rebellious, / Nor did I turn back.
Exo. 21:6　Then his master shall bring him to God and shall bring him to the door or to the doorpost, and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.
Eph. 5:26　That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word,
Eph. 5:27　That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.

3. The Lord's speaking enables us to fulfill the goal of His eternal economy to have a bride as His counterpart—Rev. 2:7; Eph. 5:26-27; S. S. 8:13-14.

Rev. 2:7　He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.
Eph. 5:26　That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word,
Eph. 5:27　That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.
S.S. 8:13　O you who dwell in the gardens, / My companions listen for your voice; / Let me hear it.
S.S. 8:14　Make haste, my beloved, / And be like a gazelle or a young hart / Upon the mountains of spices.

B. While Samuel was learning, he observed the deterioration of the degraded Aaronic priesthood:

1. He saw the Ark of God being usurped by the elders of the people and captured by the Philistines with the glory of God departing from Israel; he realized God's severe judgment on the house of Eli, which included the deaths of Eli and his two evil sons, Hophni and Phinehas—1 Sam. 2:12-36; 4:11-22.

1 Sam. 2:12　Now the sons of Eli were worthless men; they did not know Jehovah,
1 Sam. 2:13　Nor did they regard the priests' rightful due with the people. When any man offered a sacrifice, the priest's attendant would come with a three-pronged fork in his hand while the flesh was boiling,
1 Sam. 2:14　And he would thrust it into the pan or kettle or cauldron or pot; all that the fork brought up, the priest took with it. Thus they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there.
1 Sam. 2:15　Indeed before they burned the fat, the priest's attendant would come and say to the man sacrificing, Give some flesh to roast for the priest, for he will not accept boiled flesh from you, but only raw.
1 Sam. 2:16　And if the man said to him, Let them burn up the fat first, then take as much as your soul desires; he would say, No, but you shall give it now; otherwise, I will take it by force.
1 Sam. 2:17　And the sin of the young men was very great before Jehovah, for the men despised the offering of Jehovah.
1 Sam. 2:18　And Samuel ministered before Jehovah, as a boy wearing a linen ephod.

撒上 2:19 他母親每年爲他作一件小外袍，同着丈夫上來獻年祭的時候帶來給他。
撒上 2:20 以利爲以利加拿和他的妻子祝福，說，願耶和華由這婦人賜你後裔，代替她從耶和華求來的。他們就回本鄉去了。
撒上 2:21 耶和華眷顧哈拿，她就懷孕，生了三個兒子和兩個女兒。童子撒母耳在耶和華面前漸漸長大。
撒上 2:22 以利年甚老邁，聽見他兩個兒子待以色列眾人的事，又聽見他們與會幕門前服事的婦人苟合；
撒上 2:23 他就對他們說，你們爲何行這樣的事？我從這眾百姓聽見你們所行的惡事。
撒上 2:24 我兒阿，不可這樣；我聽見耶和華百姓所傳的風聲不好。
撒上 2:25 人若得罪人，有神爲他作仲裁；人若得罪耶和華，有誰能爲他作仲裁呢？然而他們還是不聽父親的話，因爲耶和華想要殺他們。
撒上 2:26 童子撒母耳在身量上，並在耶和華與人對他的喜愛上，都不斷增長。
撒上 2:27 有神人來見以利，對他說，耶和華如此說，你父家在埃及法老家作奴僕的時候，我不是明明向他們顯現麼？
撒上 2:28 在以色列眾支派中，我不是揀選他們作我的祭司，使他們上我的壇，又向我燒香，並且在我面前穿着以弗得麼？我不是將以色列人所獻的火祭都賜給你父家麼？
撒上 2:29 我所吩咐獻在我居所的祭物和供物，你們爲何踐踏呢？你爲何尊重你的兒子過於尊重我，將我民以色列所獻一切供物中上好的部分肥己呢？
撒上 2:30 因此，耶和華以色列的神宣示說，我確實說過，你家和你父家必永遠行在我面前；但現在我耶和華宣示說，我絕不容你們這樣行。因爲尊重我的，我必尊重他們；藐視我的，他們必被輕視。
撒上 2:31 日子要到，我必折斷你的膀臂和你父家的膀臂，使你家中沒有一個老年人。
撒上 2:32 在我使以色列人享各樣好處的時候，你必看見我居所的敗落；在你家中必永遠沒有一個老年人。
撒上 2:33 你家中未從我壇前被我剪除的人，必使你眼目失明，魂中憂傷。你家中所增加的人口都必死在人的刀下。
撒上 2:34 你的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈所遭遇的事，要給你作兆頭：他們二人必同日而死。
撒上 2:35 我要爲自己立一個忠信的祭司；他必照我的心意而行。我要爲他建立穩固的家；他必永遠行在我的受膏者面前。
撒上 2:36 你家所剩餘的人都必來叩拜他，求塊銀子，求個餅，說，求你使我有分於祭司的職任，好叫我得點餅喫。

撒上 4:11 神的約櫃被擄去，以利的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈也死了。
撒上 4:12 當日，有一個便雅憫人從陣上逃跑，衣服撕裂，頭蒙塵土，來到示羅。
撒上 4:13 到了的時候，以利正在路旁坐在自己的位上觀望，爲神的約櫃心裏戰兢。那人進城報信，合城的人就都呼喊起來。

1 Sam. 2:19 And his mother would make him a little robe and bring it up to him yearly when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.
1 Sam. 2:20 And Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and say, May Jehovah give you seed by this woman in place of the one she requested of Jehovah; and they would go back to their place.
1 Sam. 2:21 And Jehovah visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew before Jehovah.
1 Sam. 2:22 Now Eli was very old, and he heard of all that his sons did to all Israel and how they lay with the women who were engaged in service at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
1 Sam. 2:23 And he said to them, Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all this people.
1 Sam. 2:24 No, my sons; for it is not a good report that I hear Jehovah's people spreading.
1 Sam. 2:25 If one man sins against another man, God will arbitrate for him; but if a man sins against Jehovah, who will arbitrate for him? But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for Jehovah was pleased to kill them.
1 Sam. 2:26 And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor both with Jehovah and with men.
1 Sam. 2:27 And a man of God came to Eli and said to him, Thus says Jehovah, I revealed Myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt as slaves to Pharaoh's house.
1 Sam. 2:28 And I chose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be My priest, to go up to My altar, to burn incense, and to wear the ephod before Me. And I gave the house of your father all the offerings by fire of the children of Israel.
1 Sam. 2:29 Why then do you kick at My sacrifice and My offering, which I have commanded in My habitation, and honor your sons more than Me by making yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel My people?
1 Sam. 2:30 Therefore Jehovah the God of Israel declares, I surely said that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever; but now Jehovah declares, Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who spurn Me will be lightly esteemed.

1 Sam. 2:31 The days are now coming when I will cut off your arm and the arm of the house of your father, so that there will not be an old man in your house.
1 Sam. 2:32 And you shall see the distress of My habitation in the midst of all the good that I will do to Israel, and there shall not be an old man in your house forever.
1 Sam. 2:33 And that man of yours whom I do not cut off from My altar shall be left to consume your eyes and to grieve your soul, and all the increase of your house shall die by the swords of men.
1 Sam. 2:34 And this will be the sign to you, which will come upon your two sons, upon Hophni and Phinehas: In one day both of them shall die.
1 Sam. 2:35 And I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in My heart and in My mind; and I will build him a sure house; and he will go before My anointed continually.
1 Sam. 2:36 And everyone who is left of your house will come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and for a loaf of bread, and will say, Please put me in one of the priests' offices that I may eat a morsel of bread.
1 Sam. 4:11 And the Ark of God was taken, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.
1 Sam. 4:12 And a man of Benjamin ran from the array and came to Shiloh on the same day, with his clothes torn and earth upon his head.
1 Sam. 4:13 And when he came, there was Eli, sitting on his seat by the roadside watching; for his heart trembled for the Ark of God. And when the man came to tell the news to the city, the whole city cried out.

撒上 4:14 以利聽見呼喊的聲音就說，這喧嚷的聲音是怎麼回事？那人急忙來報信給以利。
撒上 4:15 那時以利九十八歲了，眼目發直，不能看見。
撒上 4:16 那人對以利說，我是從陣上來的，今日我從陣上逃回。以利說，我兒，事情怎樣？
撒上 4:17 報信的回答說，以色列人在非利士人面前逃跑，民中被殺的甚多；你的兩個兒子何弗尼、非尼哈也都死了，並且神的約櫃被擄去。
撒上 4:18 他一題到神的約櫃，以利就從他的位上往後跌倒在門旁，頸項折斷而死；因爲他年紀老邁，身體沉重。以利作以色列的士師四十年。
撒上 4:19 以利的兒媳，非尼哈的妻子懷孕將到產期，她聽見神的約櫃被擄去，以及她公公和丈夫都死了的消息，就猛然疼痛，曲身生產。
撒上 4:20 她將要死的時候，旁邊站着的婦人們對她說，不要怕，你生了一個兒子了；她卻不回答，也不放在心上。
撒上 4:21 她給孩子起名叫以迦博，說，榮耀離開以色列了；這是因爲神的約櫃被擄去，又因爲她公公和丈夫都死了。
撒上 4:22 她又說，榮耀離開以色列，因爲神的約櫃被擄去了。

2 神對以利家嚴厲的審判，先由一個神人所豫言；（二 27 ～ 36；）然後這嚴厲的審判由耶和華藉着撒母耳說的話所證實。（三 11 ～ 18。）

撒上 2:27 有神人來見以利，對他說，耶和華如此說，你父家在埃及法老家作奴僕的時候，我不是明明向他們顯現麼？
撒上 2:28 在以色列眾支派中，我不是揀選他們作我的祭司，使他們上我的壇，又向我燒香，並且在我面前穿着以弗得麼？我不是將以色列人所獻的火祭都賜給你父家麼？
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撒上 2:30 因此，耶和華以色列的神宣示說，我確實說過，你家和你父家必永遠行在我面前；但現在我耶和華宣示說，我絕不容你們這樣行。因爲尊重我的，我必尊重他們；藐視我的，他們必被輕視。
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撒上 2:36 你家所剩餘的人都必來叩拜他，求塊銀子，求個餅，說，

1 Sam. 4:14 And when Eli heard the sound of the cry, he said, What does this sound of commotion mean? And the man hurried and came and told Eli.
1 Sam. 4:15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old; and his eyes were set, and he could not see.
1 Sam. 4:16 And the man said to Eli, I am he who has come from the array, and I fled from the array today. And he said, How did the matter go, my son?
1 Sam. 4:17 And he who brought the news answered and said, Israel fled before the Philistines, and there was a great slaughter among the people; and even your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead; and the Ark of God has been taken.
1 Sam. 4:18 And when he mentioned the Ark of God, Eli fell from off his seat backward by the side of the gate. And he broke his neck and died, for he was an old man and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.
1 Sam. 4:19 And his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to deliver; and when she heard the report that the Ark of God had been taken and that her father-in-law and her husband had died, she bowed down and gave birth, for her pains came upon her.
1 Sam. 4:20 And around the time that she died, the women who stood around her said, Do not fear, for you have borne a son. But she did not answer or pay attention.
1 Sam. 4:21 And she named the child Ichabod, meaning, The glory has departed from Israel, because the Ark of God had been taken and because of her father-in-law and her husband.
1 Sam. 4:22 And she said, The glory has departed from Israel, for the Ark of God has been taken.

2. God's severe judgment on the house of Eli was prophesied by a man of God (2:27-36); then, this severe judgment was confirmed by the word of Jehovah spoken through Samuel (3:11-18).

1 Sam. 2:27 And a man of God came to Eli and said to him, Thus says Jehovah, I revealed Myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt as slaves to Pharaoh's house.
1 Sam. 2:28 And I chose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be My priest, to go up to My altar, to burn incense, and to wear the ephod before Me. And I gave the house of your father all the offerings by fire of the children of Israel.
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1 Sam. 2:34 And this will be the sign to you, which will come upon your two sons, upon Hophni and Phinehas: In one day both of them shall die.
1 Sam. 2:35 And I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in My heart and in My mind; and I will build him a sure house; and he will go before My anointed continually.
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求你使我有分於祭司的職任，好叫我得點餅喫。
撒上 3:11 耶和華對撒母耳說，我在以色列中必行一件事，叫一切聽見的人無不耳鳴。
撒上 3:12 我指着以利家所說的話，到了那日，必從始至終應驗在以利身上。
撒上 3:13 我曾告訴他，我必因他所知道的罪孽，永遠降罰與他的家；因爲他兒子自招咒詛，他卻不禁止他們。
撒上 3:14 所以我向以利家起誓說，以利家的罪孽永不能藉祭物和供物得遮蓋。
撒上 3:15 撒母耳睡到天亮，就開了耶和華的殿門；撒母耳不敢將異象告訴以利。
撒上 3:16 以利呼喚撒母耳說，我兒撒母耳。撒母耳說，我在這裏。
撒上 3:17 以利說，耶和華對你說了甚麼話？你不要向我隱瞞；你若將神對你所說的隱瞞一句，願祂重重的降罰與你。
撒上 3:18 撒母耳就把一切話都告訴了以利，並沒有隱瞞。以利說，祂是耶和華，願祂行自己眼中看爲好的。

3 神藉着撒母耳告訴以利要來的審判，目的也許是要給這年幼的孩童祭司難忘的印象；這是神的智慧—17～18節。

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4 這並沒有減弱撒母耳將來的拿細耳祭司職分，反而在他日後的祭司事奉中，一直成爲對他的警告；這幫助撒母耳在他一生對神的事奉上保持純潔。

肆 撒母耳是轉移時代的人，將時代轉到國度連同君王職分的時代；這不僅在以色列歷史上是大事，甚至在人類歷史上也是大事：

一 撒母耳沒有背叛亞倫家，也沒有僭取亞倫家任何東西；在他成長時，神安排環境成全他，並加增他的度量，使他能爲神作每一件需要的事，以轉變時代成爲君王連同國度的時代。

二 撒母耳作祭司，頂替陳腐的亞倫祭司職分，並且在某一面意義說，了結了這祭司職分；神使

loaf of bread, and will say, Please put me in one of the priests' offices that I may eat a morsel of bread.
1 Sam. 3:11 And Jehovah said to Samuel, I am about to do something in Israel which will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle.
1 Sam. 3:12 On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.
1 Sam. 3:13 For I have told him that I am about to judge his house forever because of the iniquity which he knew; for his sons brought the curse upon themselves, and he did not restrain them.
1 Sam. 3:14 And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of the house of Eli shall not be expiated by sacrifice or by offering forever.
1 Sam. 3:15 And Samuel lay down until the morning, when he opened the doors of the house of Jehovah. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.
1 Sam. 3:16 But Eli called Samuel and said, Samuel my son. And he said, Here I am.
1 Sam. 3:17 And he said, What was the word that He spoke to you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you, and even more, if you hide from me any of the word which He spoke to you.
1 Sam. 3:18 So Samuel told him everything and did not hide anything from him. And he said, He is Jehovah; let Him do what is good in His sight.

3. God's purpose in telling Eli through Samuel of the coming judgment might have been to make an unforgettable impression on this young priestly boy; this was God's wisdom—vv. 17-18.

1 Sam. 3:17 And he said, What was the word that He spoke to you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you, and even more, if you hide from me any of the word which He spoke to you.
1 Sam. 3:18 So Samuel told him everything and did not hide anything from him. And he said, He is Jehovah; let Him do what is good in His sight.

4. This did not weaken Samuel in his future Nazarite priesthood; rather, it became a constant warning to him throughout his priestly service that helped him to remain pure in his service to God for his entire life.

IV. Samuel was one who turned the age into the age of the kingdom with the kingship; this was a great thing not only in the history of Israel but even in the history of mankind:

A. Samuel did not rebel against the house of Aaron, and he did not usurp anything of the house of Aaron; as Samuel was growing, God arranged the environment to perfect him and to build up his capacity to do everything that was needed for God to change the age into the age of the king with the kingdom.

B. As a priest Samuel replaced and, in a sense, terminated the stale Aaronic priesthood; God used Samuel to change the age not through rebellion

用撒母耳轉變時代，不是藉着背叛或革命，乃是藉着神聖啓示的方式，以帶進君王職分。

三撒母耳是有啓示的人，他所作的每件事都是照着他所看見的；『耶和華…藉着祂的話，將祂自己啓示給撒母耳』；（21；）不僅如此，他是合乎神心的人—他是神心的複製、翻版；他是這樣一個人，絕不作任何背叛的事。

撒上 3:21 耶和華繼續在示羅顯現；因爲耶和華在示羅藉着祂的話，將祂自己啓示給撒母耳。

伍 撒母耳不僅行事、生活並工作是照着神，他的全人和所是也是照着神；撒母耳的所是和神的心乃是一；爲這緣故，我們可以說撒母耳這位照着神的人，就是在地上代理的神：

一神的心思就是撒母耳的考量；撒母耳沒有別的意念、考量或想法，他的生活和工作乃是爲着完成一切在神心中的事。

二撒母耳膏掃羅和大衛作王；（十 1，十六 1，13；）這是照着神所命定的，要撒母耳永遠行在神的受膏者面前，（二 35，）以監督君王，觀察君王的作爲。

撒上 10:1 撒母耳拿一瓶膏油倒在掃羅的頭上，與他親嘴，說，耶和華膏你作祂產業的領袖。

撒上 16:1 耶和華對撒母耳說，我既厭棄掃羅作以色列的王，你爲他悲傷要到幾時呢？你將膏油盛滿了角，我差遣你往伯利恆人耶西那裏去；因爲我已在他眾子之中，爲自己看定一個作王的。

撒上 16:13 撒母耳就拿起盛膏油的角，在他諸兄中膏了他；從那日起，耶和華的靈就衝擊大衛。於是撒母耳起身往拉瑪去了。

撒上 2:35 我要爲自己立一個忠信的祭司；他必照我的心意而行。我要爲他建立穩固的家；他必永遠行在我的受膏者面前。

三這指明撒母耳作爲在地上代理的神，比君王更大；撒母耳之所以毀資格到這樣的程度，乃是因爲神爲着祂的經綸，多年來專特的成全他：

or revolution but through the way of divine revelation to bring in the kingship.

C. Samuel was a man of revelation, and he did everything according to what he saw; "Jehovah revealed Himself to Samuel...by the word of Jehovah" (v. 21); furthermore, Samuel was a man according to God's heart—a copy, a duplicate, of God's heart; as such a person, he would never do anything rebellious.

1 Sam. 3:21 And Jehovah continued to appear in Shiloh, for Jehovah revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of Jehovah.

V. Samuel's whole being and person, not just his doing, living, and work, were according to God; Samuel's being and God's heart were one; for this reason we may say that Samuel, a man according to God, was the acting God on earth:

A. God's mind was Samuel's consideration; he had no other thought, consideration, or thinking; his living and working were for the carrying out of whatever was in God's heart.

B. Samuel anointed Saul and David to be kings (10:1; 16:1, 13); this was according to God's ordination that Samuel should go before His anointed continually (2:35) to supervise the king, observing what the king was doing.

1 Sam. 10:1 Then Samuel took the vial of oil and poured it upon his head, and he kissed him and said, Jehovah anoints you ruler over His inheritance.

1 Sam. 16:1 And Jehovah said to Samuel, How long will you mourn for Saul, though I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite; for I have selected for Myself a king among his sons.

1 Sam. 16:13 And Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers, and the Spirit of Jehovah rushed upon David from that day forward. Then Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

1 Sam. 2:35 And I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in My heart and in My mind; and I will build him a sure house; and he will go before My anointed continually.

C. This indicates that Samuel, the acting God on earth, was greater than the king; Samuel could be qualified to such an extent because for many years God had been perfecting him uniquely for His economy:

1 撒母耳能彀被神使用來完成祂的經綸，乃因他是一個照着神，合乎神心的人，他不爲自己尋求甚麼，也從不想爲自己得利—參太十六 24 ～ 26，路九 23 ～ 25。

太 16:24 於是耶穌對門徒說，若有人要跟從我，就當否認己，背起他的十字架，並跟從我。
太 16:25 因爲凡要救自己魂生命的，必喪失魂生命；凡爲我喪失自己魂生命的，必得着魂生命。
太 16:26 人若賺得全世界，卻賠上自己的魂生命，有甚麼益處？人還能拿甚麼換自己的魂生命？
路 9:23 耶穌又對眾人說，若有人要跟從我，就當否認己，天天背起他的十字架，並跟從我。
路 9:24 因爲凡要救自己魂生命的，必喪失魂生命；凡爲我喪失自己魂生命的，必救了魂生命。
路 9:25 人若賺得全世界，卻喪失自己，賠上自己，有甚麼益處？

2 他的心只爲着神的心和神的選民，此外別無所顧；他的心乃是神心的返照—參腓二 19 ～ 22，林後三 16 ～ 18。

腓 2:19 我在主耶穌裏，盼望快打發提摩太到你們那裏去，叫我知道關於你們的事，也可魂中快慰。
腓 2:20 因我沒有人與我同魂，真正關心你們的事，
腓 2:21 因爲眾人都尋求自己的事，並不尋求基督耶穌的事。
腓 2:22 但你們知道提摩太蒙稱許的明證，他爲着福音與我一同事奉，像兒子待父親一樣。
林後 3:16 但他們的心幾時轉向主，帕子就幾時除去了。
林後 3:17 而且主就是那靈；主的靈在那裏，那裏就有自由。
林後 3:18 但我們眾人既然以沒有帕子遮蔽的臉，好像鏡子觀看並返照主的榮光，就漸漸變化成爲與祂同樣的形像，從榮耀到榮耀，乃是從主靈變化成的。

3 撒母耳認爲，不爲神的百姓禱告乃是得罪耶和華；神的選民是祂私有的珍寶和產業—撒上十二 23，出十九 5。

撒上 12:23 至於我，斷不停止爲你們禱告，免得我得罪耶和華；我必以善與正的道路指教你們。
出 19:5 如今你們若實在聽從我的話，遵守我的約，就要在萬民中作我自己的珍寶，因爲全地都是我的。

四雖然撒母耳在他那特別的環境中，要爲神站住並不容易，但他顧到神的權益，並且轉移了時代；照着舊約，撒母耳在爲着神和神權益的事上，是與摩西並列的—耶十五 1。

耶 15:1 耶和華對我說，雖有摩西和撒母耳站在我面前代求，我也

1. Samuel could be used by God to carry out His economy because he was a man according to God and God's heart, having no self-seeking nor any thought of self-gain—cf. Matt. 16:24-26; Luke 9:23-25.

Matt. 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
Matt. 16:25 For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it.
Matt. 16:26 For what shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul-life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul-life?
Luke 9:23 And He said to them all, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.
Luke 9:24 For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake, this one shall save it.
Luke 9:25 For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world but loses or forfeits himself?

2. He had no heart for anything besides God's heart and God's elect; his heart was a reflection of God's heart—cf. Phil. 2:19-22; 2 Cor. 3:16-18.

Phil. 2:19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged by knowing the things concerning you.
Phil. 2:20 For I have no one like-souled who will genuinely care for what concerns you;
Phil. 2:21 For all seek their own things, not the things of Christ Jesus.
Phil. 2:22 But you know his approvedness, that as a child with a father he has served with me unto the gospel.
2 Cor. 3:16 But whenever their heart turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.
2 Cor. 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
2 Cor. 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

3. Samuel considered that not praying for God's people, who are His personal treasure and possession, was a sin against Jehovah—1 Sam. 12:23; Exo. 19:5.

1 Sam. 12:23 Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I would sin against Jehovah by ceasing to pray for you, but I will instruct you in the good and right way.
Exo. 19:5 Now therefore if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My personal treasure from among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine.

D. Although it was not easy for Samuel to stand for God in his particular environment, he cared for God's interest and turned the age; according to the Old Testament, Samuel is ranked with Moses in being for God and for God's interest—Jer. 15:1.

Jer. 15:1 And Jehovah said to me, Even though Moses and Samuel were to stand before Me, My soul

不轉向這百姓。你將他們從我眼前打發走，叫他們去罷。

五『撒母耳將國法告訴百姓，又記在書上，放在耶和華面前』—撒上十 25 上：

撒上 10:25 撒母耳將國法告訴百姓，又記在書上，放在耶和華面前。然後撒母耳遣散眾民，各回各家去了。

1 摩西將律法頒賜給以色列人，但在撒母耳來到以前，他們沒有一套法規、憲法。

2 撒母耳教導百姓如何在地上實行神國的法規、憲法、國法、慣例、方法、規條、法則。

陸 神開始了新的時代，興起撒母耳這年輕的拿細耳人作忠信的祭司，頂替墮落的祭司職分—二 35：

撒上 2:35 我要爲自己立一個忠信的祭司；他必照我的心意而行。我要爲他建立穩固的家；他必永遠行在我的受膏者面前。

一撒母耳被神確立說神的話，以頂替老舊祭司職分教導神的話語；在祭司職分裏，祭司該作的第一件事，就是爲神說話。

二大祭司所戴的胸牌和烏陵土明，乃是神用來對祂百姓說話的憑藉；（出二八 30；）祭司職分墮落後，神的說話幾乎失去了。（撒上三 1，3 上。）

出 28:30 你又要將烏陵和土明放在決斷的胸牌裏；亞倫進到耶和華面前的時候，要帶在胸前，在耶和華面前常將以色列人的決斷牌帶在胸前。

撒上 3:1 童子撒母耳在以利面前事奉耶和華。當那些日子，耶和華的言語稀少，不常有異象。

撒上 3:3 神的燈還沒有熄滅；撒母耳睡臥在耶和華的殿中，那裏有神的約櫃。

三神藉着建立撒母耳在被拔高的申言者職分裏作申言者，將祂的話供應給祂的選民；（20～21；）神也藉着興起撒母耳作士師，施行祂的權柄，治理祂的選民。（七 15～17。）

would not turn toward this people. Send them out of My sight and let them go.

E. "Samuel told the people the practice of the kingdom, and he wrote it in a book and laid it before Jehovah"—1 Sam. 10:25a:

1 Sam. 10:25 Then Samuel told the people the practice of the kingdom, and he wrote it in a book and laid it before Jehovah. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

1. Moses gave the law to the children of Israel, but before Samuel came they did not have a set of bylaws, a constitution.

2. Samuel taught the people the bylaws, the constitution, the practice, the customs, the manners, the ordinances, and the rules of how to practice the kingdom of God on earth.

VI. God began a new age in raising up Samuel, a young Nazarite, as a faithful priest to replace the degraded priesthood—2:35:

1 Sam. 2:35 And I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in My heart and in My mind; and I will build him a sure house; and he will go before My anointed continually.

A. Samuel was established by God to speak the word of God to replace the teaching of the word of God by the old priesthood; in the priesthood the first thing that a priest should do is to speak for God.

B. The breastplate and the Urim and the Thummim worn by the high priest were the means used by God to speak to His people (Exo. 28:30); in the degradation of the priesthood God's speaking was almost lost (1 Sam. 3:1, 3a).

Exo. 28:30 And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be on Aaron's heart when he goes in before Jehovah, and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel on his heart before Jehovah continually.

1 Sam. 3:1 And the boy Samuel ministered to Jehovah before Eli. Now the word of Jehovah was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

1 Sam. 3:3 And the lamp of God had not yet gone out. And Samuel lay in the temple of Jehovah, where the Ark of God was.

C. God ministered His word to His elect by establishing Samuel as a prophet in the uplifted prophethood (vv. 20-21), and He exercised His authority over His elect by raising up Samuel as a judge (7:15-17).

撒上 3:20 從但到別是巴所有的以色列人都知道，撒母耳被確立爲耶和華的申言者。
撒上 3:21 耶和華繼續在示羅顯現；因爲耶和華在示羅藉着祂的話，將祂自己啓示給撒母耳。
撒上 7:15 撒母耳一生的日子作以色列的士師。
撒上 7:16 他每年巡迴於伯特利、吉甲、米斯巴各地，在這幾處審判以色列人。
撒上 7:17 隨後他回到拉瑪，因爲他的家在那裏；他也在那裏審判以色列人，且在那裏爲耶和華築了一座壇。

四撒母耳這最後一位士師，結束了士師職分；他作爲新的祭司，帶進由拔高的申言者職分所加強的君王職分。

五神需要興起一個活的人，一個申言者，來爲祂說話；在神的命定裏，撒母耳算爲第一位申言者，因爲他帶進爲神說話的申言者職分—徒三 24，十三 20，來十一 32。

徒 3:24 從撒母耳起，以及相繼興起的眾申言者，凡說豫言的，也都宣告了這些日子。
徒 13:20 此後給他們設立士師，直到申言者撒母耳的時候，約有四百五十年。
來 11:32 此外，我還要再說甚麼？若要一一細說基甸、巴拉、參孫、耶弗他、大衛、撒母耳和眾申言者的事，時間就不夠我用了。

柒 撒母耳是一個在地上與神是一的人；作爲在地上代理的神，代表天上的神在地上治理祂的百姓，撒母耳以五種身分供職—撒上七 3：

撒上 7:3 撒母耳對以色列全家說，你們若全心回轉歸向耶和華，就要把外邦的神和亞斯他錄從你們中間除掉，專心歸向耶和華，單單事奉祂；祂必救你們脫離非利士人的手。

一撒母耳作爲拿細耳人供職，絕對奉獻給神，使神得以完成祂的經綸—一 11，28 上。

撒上 1:11 她許願說，萬軍之耶和華阿，你若垂顧你婢女的苦情，記念我，不忘記你的婢女，賜你的婢女一個男孩，我必將他終身獻與耶和華，不用剃刀剃他的頭。

撒上 1:28 所以，我也將這孩子藉與耶和華；他終身都是藉與耶和華的。於是他在那裏敬拜耶和華。

1 Sam. 3:20 And all Israel, from Dan to Beer-sheba, knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of Jehovah.
1 Sam. 3:21 And Jehovah continued to appear in Shiloh, for Jehovah revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of Jehovah.
1 Sam. 7:15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.
1 Sam. 7:16 And he went year by year in circuit to Bethel and Gilgal and Mizpah, and he judged Israel in all those places.
1 Sam. 7:17 Then he would return to Ramah, for his house was there. And he judged Israel there and built an altar to Jehovah there.

D. Samuel, as the last judge, terminated the judgeship, and, as the new priest, brought in the kingship, which was strengthened by the uplifted prophethood.

E. God needed to raise up a living person, a prophet, to speak for Him; in God's ordination Samuel is considered as the first prophet because he brought in the prophethood for God's speaking—Acts 3:24; 13:20; Heb. 11:32.

Acts 3:24 And also all the prophets, from Samuel and those in succession after him, as many as spoke, also announced these days.
Acts 13:20 And after these things, for about four hundred and fifty years, He gave them judges until Samuel the prophet.
Heb. 11:32 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,

VII. Samuel was one with God on earth; as the acting God on earth, the representative of the very God in heaven to rule over His people on earth, Samuel ministered in five statuses—1 Sam. 7:3:

1 Sam. 7:3 Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, If you are returning with all your heart to Jehovah, remove the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from your midst, and direct your heart to Jehovah and serve only Him; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.

A. Samuel ministered as a Nazarite, consecrated to God absolutely for God's fulfillment of His economy—1:11, 28a.

1 Sam. 1:11 And she made a vow and said, O Jehovah of hosts, if You will indeed look upon the affliction of Your female servant and remember me and not forget Your female servant, but give to Your female servant a male child, then I will give him to Jehovah for all the days of his life, and no razor will come upon his head.
1 Sam. 1:28 Therefore I, for my part, have lent him to Jehovah; all the days that he lives, he is lent to Jehovah. And he worshipped Jehovah there.

二撒母耳作爲尊重神、討神喜悅的祭司供職，頂替陳腐並墮落的祭司職分，忠信的代表神行動，甚至爲着神在地上的行政，設立並建立君王—二30，35～36，七3～17，士九9，13。

撒上 2:30 因此，耶和華以色列的神宣示說，我確實說過，你家和你父家必永遠行在我面前；但現在我耶和華宣示說，我絕不容你們這樣行。因爲尊重我的，我必尊重他們；藐視我的，他們必被輕視。

撒上 2:35 我要爲自己立一個忠信的祭司；他必照我的心意而行。我要爲他建立穩固的家；他必永遠行在我的受膏者面前。

撒上 2:36 你家所剩餘的人都必來叩拜他，求塊銀子，求個餅，說，求你使我有分於祭司的職任，好叫我得點餅喫。

撒上 7:3 撒母耳對以色列全家說，你們若全心回轉歸向耶和華，就要把外邦的神和亞斯他錄從你們中間除掉，專心歸向耶和華，單單事奉祂；祂必救你們脫離非利士人的手。

撒上 7:4 以色列人就除掉諸巴力和亞斯他錄，單單事奉耶和華。

撒上 7:5 撒母耳說，要使以色列眾人聚集在米斯巴，我好爲你們禱告耶和華。

撒上 7:6 他們就聚集在米斯巴，打水澆在耶和華面前，當日禁食，在那裏說，我們得罪了耶和華。於是撒母耳在米斯巴審判以色列人。

撒上 7:7 非利士人聽見以色列人聚集在米斯巴，非利士人的首領就上來要攻擊以色列人。以色列人聽見，就懼怕非利士人。

撒上 7:8 以色列人對撒母耳說，請你不住的爲我們哀求耶和華我們的神，好叫祂救我們脫離非利士人的手。

撒上 7:9 撒母耳就把一隻喫奶的羊羔，獻與耶和華作全牲的燔祭，爲以色列人哀求耶和華；耶和華就應允他。

撒上 7:10 撒母耳正獻燔祭的時候，非利士人前來要與以色列人爭戰。當日，耶和華向非利士人大發雷聲，驚亂他們，他們就在以色列人面前被擊敗。

撒上 7:11 以色列人從米斯巴出來，追趕非利士人，擊殺他們，直到伯甲的下邊。

撒上 7:12 撒母耳將一塊石頭立在米斯巴和善的中間，給石頭起名叫以便以謝，說，到如今耶和華都幫助我們。

撒上 7:13 從此，非利士人就被制伏，不再入以色列的境內了。撒母耳作士師的一切日子，耶和華的手總是攻擊非利士人。

撒上 7:14 非利士人從以色列人所取的城邑，從以革倫直到迦特，都歸還以色列人了。屬這些城的四境，以色列人也從非利士人手下取回。那時以色列人與亞摩利人之間相安無事。

撒上 7:15 撒母耳一生的日子作以色列的士師。

撒上 7:16 他每年巡迴於伯特利、吉甲、米斯巴各地，在這幾處審判以色列人。

B. Samuel ministered as a God-honoring, God-pleasing priest to replace the stale and degraded priesthood, and he was faithful to act on behalf of God, even to appoint and establish kings for the divine government on earth—2:30, 35-36; 7:3-17; Judg. 9:9, 13.

1 Sam. 2:30 Therefore Jehovah the God of Israel declares, I surely said that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever; but now Jehovah declares, Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who spurn Me will be lightly esteemed.

1 Sam. 2:35 And I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in My heart and in My mind; and I will build him a sure house; and he will go before My anointed continually.

1 Sam. 2:36 And everyone who is left of your house will come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and for a loaf of bread, and will say, Please put me in one of the priests' offices that I may eat a morsel of bread.

1 Sam. 7:3 Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, If you are returning with all your heart to Jehovah, remove the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from your midst, and direct your heart to Jehovah and serve only Him; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.

1 Sam. 7:4 Then the children of Israel removed the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and served only Jehovah.

1 Sam. 7:5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray to Jehovah for you.

1 Sam. 7:6 And they gathered at Mizpah and drew water and poured it out before Jehovah, and they fasted that day. And they said there, We have sinned against Jehovah. And Samuel judged the children of Israel at Mizpah.

1 Sam. 7:7 Now when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel gathered themselves at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard of it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

1 Sam. 7:8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Do not stop crying to Jehovah our God for us, so that He will save us from the hand of the Philistines.

1 Sam. 7:9 And Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it up as a whole burnt offering to Jehovah. And Samuel cried out to Jehovah for Israel, and Jehovah answered him.

1 Sam. 7:10 And while Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines approached for battle against Israel. And Jehovah thundered with a great voice that day against the Philistines and threw them into a panic; and they were struck down before Israel.

1 Sam. 7:11 And the men of Israel went out from Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, and they struck them as far as below Beth-car.

1 Sam. 7:12 Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen; and he called its name Eben-ezer and said, Thus far Jehovah has helped us.

1 Sam. 7:13 So the Philistines were subdued, and they no longer came into the territory of Israel. And the hand of Jehovah was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

1 Sam. 7:14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were returned to Israel, from Ekron to Gath; and Israel rescued their territory from the hand of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

1 Sam. 7:15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

1 Sam. 7:16 And he went year by year in circuit to Bethel and Gilgal and Mizpah, and he judged Israel in all those places.

撒上 7:17 隨後他回到拉瑪，因爲他的家在那裏；他也在那裏審判以色列人，且在那裏爲耶和華築了一座壇。
士 9:9 橄欖樹對他們說，我豈可停止生產我那尊重神和人的油，去飄飄在眾樹之上呢？
士 9:13 葡萄樹對他們說，我豈可停止生產我那使神和人喜樂的新酒，去飄飄在眾樹之上呢？

三撒母耳作爲神所確立的申言者供職，（撒上三 20，）在耶和華的言語稀少，不常有異象的時候，說神的話，以頂替老舊祭司職分教導神的話語。（1 ～ 10，19 ～ 21。）

撒上 3:20 從但到別是巴所有的以色列人都知道，撒母耳被確立爲耶和華的申言者。
撒上 3:1 童子撒母耳在以利面前事奉耶和華。當那些日子，耶和華的言語稀少，不常有異象。
撒上 3:2 一日，以利睡臥在自己的地方；他眼目已經昏花，不能看見。
撒上 3:3 神的燈還沒有熄滅；撒母耳睡臥在耶和華的殿中，那裏有神的約櫃。
撒上 3:4 耶和華呼喚撒母耳。撒母耳說，我在這裏。
撒上 3:5 他就跑到以利那裏，說，你呼喚我，我在這裏。以利說，我沒有呼喚你，回去睡罷。他就去睡了。
撒上 3:6 耶和華又呼喚說，撒母耳。撒母耳起來，到以利那裏，說，你呼喚我，我在這裏。以利說，我兒，我沒有呼喚你，回去睡罷。
撒上 3:7 那時撒母耳還未認識耶和華，耶和華的話還未向他啓示。
撒上 3:8 耶和華第三次呼喚撒母耳。撒母耳起來，到以利那裏，說，你呼喚我，我在這裏。以利纔明白是耶和華呼喚童子。
撒上 3:9 於是以利對撒母耳說，去睡罷；祂若呼喚你，你就說，耶和華阿，請說，僕人敬聽。撒母耳就去，睡在原處。
撒上 3:10 耶和華又來站着，像前幾次呼喚說，撒母耳，撒母耳。撒母耳說，請說，僕人敬聽。
撒上 3:19 撒母耳長大了，耶和華與他同在，使他所說的話一句都不落空。
撒上 3:20 從但到別是巴所有的以色列人都知道，撒母耳被確立爲耶和華的申言者。
撒上 3:21 耶和華繼續在示羅顯現；因爲耶和華在示羅藉着祂的話，將祂自己啓示給撒母耳。

四撒母耳作爲在君王職分之實際裏的士師，以頂替老舊並陳腐的祭司職分審斷百姓—七 15 ～ 17。

撒上 7:15 撒母耳一生的日子作以色列的士師。
撒上 7:16 他每年巡迴於伯特利、吉甲、米斯巴各地，在這幾處審判以色列人。
撒上 7:17 隨後他回到拉瑪，因爲他的家在那裏；他也在那裏審判以色列人，且在那裏爲耶和華築了一座壇。

1 Sam. 7:17 Then he would return to Ramah, for his house was there. And he judged Israel there and built an altar to Jehovah there.
Judg. 9:9 But the olive tree said to them, Shall I leave my fatness, because of which God and men are honored by me, and go to wave over the trees?
Judg. 9:13 But the vine said to them, Shall I leave my new wine, which cheers God and men, and go to wave over the trees?

C. Samuel ministered as a prophet established by God (1 Sam. 3:20) to speak the word of God to replace the teaching of the old priesthood at a time when the word of Jehovah was rare and visions were not widespread (vv. 1-10, 19-21).

1 Sam. 3:20 And all Israel, from Dan to Beer-sheba, knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of Jehovah.
1 Sam. 3:1 And the boy Samuel ministered to Jehovah before Eli. Now the word of Jehovah was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.
1 Sam. 3:2 And at that time Eli lay in his place, and his eyesight had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see.
1 Sam. 3:3 And the lamp of God had not yet gone out. And Samuel lay in the temple of Jehovah, where the Ark of God was.
1 Sam. 3:4 Then Jehovah called to Samuel. And he said, Here I am.
1 Sam. 3:5 And he ran to Eli and said, Here I am, for you called me. And he said, I did not call. Go back and lie down. And he went and lay down.
1 Sam. 3:6 And Jehovah called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel rose up and went to Eli and said, Here I am, for you called me. And he said, I did not call, my son. Go back and lie down.
1 Sam. 3:7 Now Samuel did not yet know Jehovah, and the word of Jehovah had not yet been revealed to him.
1 Sam. 3:8 Then Jehovah called Samuel again, the third time. And he rose up and went to Eli and said, Here I am, for you called me. Then Eli perceived that it was Jehovah calling the boy.
1 Sam. 3:9 And Eli said to Samuel, Go and lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, Speak, O Jehovah; for Your servant is listening. And Samuel went and lay down in his place.
1 Sam. 3:10 Then Jehovah came and stood by and called as at the other times, Samuel! Samuel! And Samuel said, Speak, for Your servant is listening.
1 Sam. 3:19 And Samuel grew, and Jehovah was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.
1 Sam. 3:20 And all Israel, from Dan to Beer-sheba, knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of Jehovah.
1 Sam. 3:21 And Jehovah continued to appear in Shiloh, for Jehovah revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of Jehovah.

D. Samuel ministered as a judge in the reality of the kingship to replace the judging of the people by the old and stale priesthood—7:15-17.

1 Sam. 7:15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.
1 Sam. 7:16 And he went year by year in circuit to Bethel and Gilgal and Mizpah, and he judged Israel in all those places.
1 Sam. 7:17 Then he would return to Ramah, for his house was there. And he judged Israel there and built an altar to Jehovah there.

五撒母耳作爲禱告的人供職，爲神的選民禱告，使他們蒙保守在神的道路上，與神是一，不落在外邦偶像的網羅裏，卻享受神作以便以謝（意，『幫助的石頭』—12 節，）使神對祂選民旨意中的願望得以成全。（3～17，八 6，十二 19～25，十五 11 下。）

撒上 7:3 撒母耳對以色列全家說，你們若全心回轉歸向耶和華，就要把外邦的神和亞斯他錄從你們中間除掉，專心歸向耶和華，單單事奉祂；祂必救你們脫離非利士人的手。
撒上 7:4 以色列人就除掉諸巴力和亞斯他錄，單單事奉耶和華。
撒上 7:5 撒母耳說，要使以色列眾人聚集在米斯巴，我好爲你們禱告耶和華。
撒上 7:6 他們就聚集在米斯巴，打水澆在耶和華面前，當日禁食，在那裏說，我們得罪了耶和華。於是撒母耳在米斯巴審判以色列人。
撒上 7:7 非利士人聽見以色列人聚集在米斯巴，非利士人的首領就上來要攻擊以色列人。以色列人聽見，就懼怕非利士人。
撒上 7:8 以色列人對撒母耳說，請你不住的爲我們哀求耶和華我們的神，好叫祂救我們脫離非利士人的手。
撒上 7:9 撒母耳就把一隻喫奶的羊羔，獻與耶和華作全牲的燔祭，爲以色列人哀求耶和華；耶和華就應允他。
撒上 7:10 撒母耳正獻燔祭的時候，非利士人前來要與以色列人爭戰。當日，耶和華向非利士人大發雷聲，驚亂他們，他們就在以色列人面前被擊敗。
撒上 7:11 以色列人從米斯巴出來，追趕非利士人，擊殺他們，直到伯甲的下邊。
撒上 7:12 撒母耳將一塊石頭立在米斯巴和善的中間，給石頭起名叫以便以謝，說，到如今耶和華都幫助我們。
撒上 7:13 從此，非利士人就被制伏，不再入以色列的境內了。撒母耳作士師的一切日子，耶和華的手總是攻擊非利士人。
撒上 7:14 非利士人從以色列人所取的城邑，從以革倫直到迦特，都歸還以色列人了。屬這些城的四境，以色列人也從非利士人手下取回。那時以色列人與亞摩利人之間相安無事。
撒上 7:15 撒母耳一生的日子作以色列的士師。
撒上 7:16 他每年巡迴於伯特利、吉甲、米斯巴各地，在這幾處審判以色列人。
撒上 7:17 隨後他回到拉瑪，因爲他的家在那裏；他也在那裏審判以色列人，且在那裏爲耶和華築了一座壇。
撒上 8:6 他們說，求你給我們一位王治理我們；撒母耳不喜悅這事，就禱告耶和華。
撒上 12:19 眾民對撒母耳說，求你爲僕人們禱告耶和華你的神，免得我們死亡，因爲我們爲自己求立王的事，是在我們一切

E. Samuel ministered as a man of prayer who prayed for God's elect so that they would be kept in the way of God, would be one with God, would not be ensnared by the idols of the nations, and would enjoy God as Ebenezer (meaning "the stone of help"—v. 12) in order that God's desire in His will regarding them might be fulfilled (vv. 3-17; 8:6; 12:19-25; 15:11b).

1 Sam. 7:3 Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, If you are returning with all your heart to Jehovah, remove the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from your midst, and direct your heart to Jehovah and serve only Him; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.
1 Sam. 7:4 Then the children of Israel removed the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and served only Jehovah.
1 Sam. 7:5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray to Jehovah for you.
1 Sam. 7:6 And they gathered at Mizpah and drew water and poured it out before Jehovah, and they fasted that day. And they said there, We have sinned against Jehovah. And Samuel judged the children of Israel at Mizpah.
1 Sam. 7:7 Now when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel gathered themselves at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard of it, they were afraid of the Philistines.
1 Sam. 7:8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Do not stop crying to Jehovah our God for us, so that He will save us from the hand of the Philistines.
1 Sam. 7:9 And Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it up as a whole burnt offering to Jehovah. And Samuel cried out to Jehovah for Israel, and Jehovah answered him.
1 Sam. 7:10 And while Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines approached for battle against Israel. And Jehovah thundered with a great voice that day against the Philistines and threw them into a panic; and they were struck down before Israel.
1 Sam. 7:11 And the men of Israel went out from Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, and they struck them as far as below Beth-car.
1 Sam. 7:12 Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen; and he called its name Eben-ezer and said, Thus far Jehovah has helped us.
1 Sam. 7:13 So the Philistines were subdued, and they no longer came into the territory of Israel. And the hand of Jehovah was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.
1 Sam. 7:14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were returned to Israel, from Ekron to Gath; and Israel rescued their territory from the hand of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.
1 Sam. 7:15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.
1 Sam. 7:16 And he went year by year in circuit to Bethel and Gilgal and Mizpah, and he judged Israel in all those places.
1 Sam. 7:17 Then he would return to Ramah, for his house was there. And he judged Israel there and built an altar to Jehovah there.
1 Sam. 8:6 But the matter displeased Samuel when they said, Give us a king to judge us. Then Samuel prayed to Jehovah.
1 Sam. 12:19 Then all the people said to Samuel, Pray to Jehovah your God for your servants that we would not die, for we have added to all our sins the evil of asking for a king for ourselves.

的罪上又加了一件惡事。

撒上 12:20 撒母耳對百姓說，不要懼怕。你們雖然行了這一切的惡，卻不要偏離不跟從耶和華，只要全心事奉祂。

撒上 12:21 不要偏離耶和華，因爲你們若偏離祂，就會隨從那無益且不能施拯救的虛空偶像，它們本是虛空的。

撒上 12:22 耶和華既喜悅把你們作成祂的子民，就必因祂的大名不撇棄祂的子民。

撒上 12:23 至於我，斷不停止爲你們禱告，免得我得罪耶和華；我必以善與正的道路指教你們。

撒上 12:24 只要你們敬畏耶和華，憑真實全心事奉祂，因爲你們看，祂爲你們行了何等大的事。

撒上 12:25 你們若仍然作惡，你們和你們的王必一同滅亡。

撒上 15:11 我立掃羅爲王，我後悔了；因爲他轉去不跟從我，不履行我的話。撒母耳便甚惱怒，終夜哀求耶和華。

1 Sam. 12:20 And Samuel said to the people, Do not be afraid. You have done all this evil, yet do not turn away from following Jehovah, but serve Jehovah with all your heart.

1 Sam. 12:21 And do not turn away, for your turning away would be after vain idols, which cannot profit or deliver you, for they are vanity.

1 Sam. 12:22 For because of His great name Jehovah will not forsake His people, for Jehovah has been pleased to make you a people for Himself.

1 Sam. 12:23 Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I would sin against Jehovah by ceasing to pray for you, but I will instruct you in the good and right way.

1 Sam. 12:24 Only, fear Jehovah and serve Him in truth with all your heart, for consider what great things He has done for you.

1 Sam. 12:25 But if you still do wickedly, both you and your king will be consumed.

1 Sam. 15:11 I repent that I made Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not fulfilled My words. And Samuel was angry, and he cried to Jehovah all night long.