
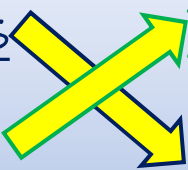


1 Samuel 2:12-36


The LORD lowers  The LORD raises up
lousy leaders honourable leaders

(v12-17 Eli) GREED & CONTEMPT (v18-21 Sam) GROWING UP
 (v22-25 Eli) SEXUAL IMMORALITY (v26 Sam) GROWING UP
 (v27-34 Eli) LOWERING (v35 Priest!) RAISING UP
 (v36 Eli) BOWED DOWN

CHRIST CHURCH HUNTINGDON 1) How we need God-honouring leaders!
 2) How we need Jesus our perfect priest!

Dig Deeper Questions for 1 Samuel 2:12-36 Scoundrel Days...

- 1) Without grumbling (!), can you think of any examples you have seen which illustrate the importance of good leadership?
- 2) Using the diagram above, recap the seven scenes above which alternate between good and bad leaders. Why do you think the writer intersperses them in this way? What questions arise for you from any tricky verses?
- 3) What does v25 mean? How do these verses perhaps help us understand what might be going on... a) 1 Sam 3:14 b) Hebrews 10: 26, 27 c) Rom 1:28,29.
- 4) Compare v21 and v26 with Luke 2:40 & 52. Why is it so important to connect Samuel with Jesus (our Prophet-Priest-King)? How do you understand 1 Sam 2:35? See Heb 2:17.
- 5) Considering any positions of leadership or responsibility in the church, home or community/workplace, how have you been challenged and helped by this passage?

For further study... If you want to trace the outworking of the fall of the priesthood of Eli's family look at 1 Sam 4:11,18, 20-21; 1 Sam 22:18-19; 1 Kings 1:7,8, 1 Kings 2:35)