

Monday 12/27

1 Sam. 1:3-11 (10-11)

3 And this man went up from his city year by year to worship and to sacrifice to Jehovah of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, priests of Jehovah, were there.

4 And when the day came that Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and her daughters.

5 But he would give a double portion to Hannah, for it was Hannah whom he loved; but Jehovah had shut up her womb.

6 And her rival provoked her bitterly to irritate her, because Jehovah had shut up her womb.

7 And so it happened year after year; when she went up to the house of Jehovah, the other provoked her this way; and she wept and would not eat.

8 And Elkanah her husband said to her, Hannah, why are you weeping, and why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not better to you than ten sons?

9 Then after the eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah rose up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his seat at the doorpost of the temple of Jehovah.

10 And she was bitter in soul and prayed to Jehovah and wept much.

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. 2:35

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.

John 15:4-5

4 Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

2 Cor. 6:1

1 And working together with Him, we also entreat you not to receive the grace of God in vain;

Matt. 6:33

33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Eph. 6:17-18

17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,

18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every

time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

Col. 4:2

2 Persevere in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving,

1 Sam. 1:15

15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord. I am a woman oppressed in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before Jehovah.

Psa. 62:8

8 Trust in Him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge to us. Selah

Footnotes: 1 Samuel 1:1¹ 1:10¹

Message 1 – The Central Thought of and the Divine Trinity as Revealed in 1 and 2 Samuel

Message 2 – The Hannah Ministry

Tuesday 12/28

Psa. 73:25-26, 28

25 Whom do I have in heaven but You? And besides You there is nothing I desire on earth.

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

28 But as for me, drawing near to God is good for me; I have made the Lord Jehovah my refuge, That I may declare all Your works.

1 Sam. 3:9-10, 21 (10, 21)

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.

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.

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

Rev. 2:7

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. 4:11, 21-22 (21-22)

11 And the Ark of God was taken, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

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.

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

Rom. 3:25

25 Whom God set forth as a propitiation place through faith in His blood, for the demonstrating of His righteousness, in that in His forbearance God passed over the sins that had previously occurred,

Heb. 4:15-16

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all respects like us, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

Footnotes: Num. 6:2², 3; 6:3¹; Psa. 73:25²; Rom. 3:25²;

Message 3 – Spiritual Principles, Life-Lessons, and Holy Warnings Seen in the History of Samuel

Message 4 – The History of the Ark and the Tabernacle

Wednesday 12/29

1 Sam. 15:3-9, 13-15, 22-23 (9, 22-23)

3 Go now and strike the Amalekites; and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, infant and suckling, oxen and sheep, camel and donkey.

4 And Saul summoned the people and mustered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen and ten thousand men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to the city of the Amalekites and set an ambush in the river valley.

6 And Saul said to the Kenites, Go, depart; go down from among the Amalekites; otherwise, I will destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt. And the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 Then Saul struck the Amalekites from Havilah as you go toward Shur, which is opposite Egypt.

8 And he captured Agag the king of the Amalekites alive and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fatlings, and the lambs and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; but everything that was despised and worthless, this they utterly destroyed.

13 And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, Blessed are you of Jehovah! I have fulfilled the word of Jehovah.

14 And Samuel said, What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears and the lowing of oxen that I hear?

15 And Saul said, They have been brought from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and oxen to sacrifice to Jehovah your God, and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

22 And Samuel said, Does Jehovah delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As much as in obeying the voice of Jehovah? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed, than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, And insubordination is like idolatry and teraphim. Because you have rejected the word of Jehovah, He has also rejected you from being king.

1 Sam. 17:37

37 And David said, Jehovah, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Go, and may Jehovah be with you.

Psa. 132:1-5 (4-5), 13-16 (14-16)

1 Remember, O Jehovah, for David's sake All his afflictions;

2 How he swore to Jehovah And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 I shall not go into the tent of my house; I shall not go up onto the couch of my bed;

4 I shall not give sleep to my eyes, Slumber to my eyelids;

5 Until I find a place for Jehovah, A tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.

13 For Jehovah has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation.

14 This is My resting place forever; Here will I dwell, for I have desired it.

15 I will abundantly bless its provision; I will satisfy its poor with bread.

16 And its priests I will clothe with salvation, And its faithful ones will shout with a ringing shout.

1 Peter 4:1

1 Since Christ therefore has suffered in the flesh, you also arm yourselves with the same mind (because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin),

1 Peter 5:5-6

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.

6 Therefore be humbled under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time,

Footnotes: 1 Samuel 15:9¹; 15:23^{1,2}; Psa. 132:14²

Message 5 – War with the Amalekites

Message 6 – Spiritual Principles, Life-Lessons, and Holy Warnings Seen in the History of David

Thursday 12/30

2 Sam. 7:16

16 And your house and your kingdom will be made sure forever before you; your throne will be established forever.

2 Sam. 23:1-2

1 Now these are the last words of David: The declaration of David the son of Jesse, And the declaration of the man who has been raised up on high, The anointed of the God of Jacob, The one lovely in the psalms of Israel.

2 The Spirit of Jehovah spoke through me, And His word was on my tongue.

Amos 9:11

11 In that day I will raise up The fallen tabernacle of David, And I will wall up its breaches And raise up its ruins And build it up as it was in the days of old;

Matt. 1:1, 6

1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

6 And Jesse begot David the king. And David begot Solomon of her who had been the wife of Uriah,

Matt. 12:1-4

1 At that time Jesus went on the Sabbath through the grainfields. And His disciples became hungry and began to pick ears of grain and eat.

2 But the Pharisees, seeing this, said to Him, Behold, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.

3 But He said to them, Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, and those who were with him;

4 How he entered into the house of God, and they ate the bread of the presence, which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, except for the priests only?

2 Sam. 7:12-14

12 When your days are fulfilled and you sleep with your fathers, I will raise up your seed after you, which will come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 It is he who will build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

14 I will be his Father, and he will be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will strike him with the rod of men and with the stripes of the sons of men;

Psa. 2:6-7

6 But I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain.

7 I will recount the decree of Jehovah; He said to Me: You are My Son; Today I have begotten You.

Acts 13:23, 33

23 From this man's seed, God, according to promise, brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus,

33 That God has fully fulfilled this promise to us their children in raising up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You."

Rom. 1:3-4

3 Concerning His Son, who came out of the seed of

David according to the flesh,

4 Who was designated the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness out of the resurrection of the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord;

Rom. 8:29

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Rev. 22:16

16 I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright morning star.

Footnotes: 2 Sam. 7:11¹, 12^{1,2}, 13¹, 14¹

Message 7 – David Typifying Christ, the Real David—the King of the Coming Kingdom of God

Message 8 – The Seed of David Becoming the Son of God

Friday 12/31

Eph. 3:16-21

16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are

19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

20 But to Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us,

21 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

Heb. 3:6

6 But Christ was faithful as a Son over His house, whose house we are if indeed we hold fast the boldness and the boast of hope firm to the end.

2 Sam. 9:1, 3, 6-8, 10-13

1 And David said, Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show kindness to him for Jonathan's sake?

3 And the king said, Is there yet anyone at all of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him? And Ziba said to the king, There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet.

6 And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he said, Your servant is here.

7 And David said to him, Do not be afraid, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of Jonathan your father; and I will restore to you all the land of your father Saul, and you will eat food at my table

continually.

8 And he paid him homage and said, What is your servant that you should look upon a dead dog like me?

10 And you shall work the land for him, you and your sons and your servants; and you shall bring in the produce that your master's son may have food to eat; and Mephibosheth, your master's son, will eat food continually at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

11 Then Ziba said to the king, According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do. And Mephibosheth, said David, shall eat at my table like one of the king's sons.

12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants to Mephibosheth.

13 And Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem because he ate at the king's table continually. And he was crippled in both his feet.

Eph. 2:7

7 That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Footnotes: 2 Sam. 7:16¹; 9:7¹; Eph. 2:7¹; 3:17¹; Heb. 3:6¹

Message 9 – The Organic Building up of the Church as the Body of Christ through the Process of Spiritual Metabolism according to the Believers' Inner Experience of the Indwelling Christ

Message 10 – David, Mephibosheth, and the Kindness of God

Saturday 1/1

1 Sam. 25:3, 23-24, 27-31, 39-42

3 And the man's name was Nabal, and his wife's name was Abigail. And the woman had good discernment and was beautiful in appearance. But the man was hard, and he was evil in his doings; and he was a Calebite.

23 And when Abigail saw David, she hurried and got down from her donkey and fell on her face before David; and she bowed herself to the ground.

24 And she fell at his feet and said, Upon me alone, my lord, be this iniquity; and let your female servant speak in your hearing, and hear the words of your female servant.

27 And now this present which your servant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord.

28 Please forgive the transgression of your female servant, for Jehovah will no doubt make a sure house for my lord, because my lord fights the battles of Jehovah; and no evil will be found in you throughout your days.

29 And though men rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, my lord's life will be bound up in the bundle of the living with Jehovah your God; and the lives of

your enemies He will sling out, as from the hollow of the sling.

30 And when Jehovah has done to my lord according to all the good He has spoken concerning you and has appointed you ruler over Israel,

31 This will not be a qualm of conscience to you or a stumbling block in heart to my lord, that you shed blood without cause or that my lord has avenged himself. And when Jehovah has dealt well with my lord, may you remember your female servant.

39 And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be Jehovah, who has pleaded the cause of my reproach at the hand of Nabal and who has withheld His servant from evildoing; and Jehovah has returned the evildoing of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent men to propose to Abigail, that he might take her to himself as wife.

40 And when David's servants came to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her, saying, David has sent us to you, to take you to himself as wife.

41 And she rose up and fell on her face to the ground. And she said, Here is your female servant, as a slave to wash the feet of my lord's servants.

42 And Abigail hurried and rose up; and she rode on a donkey, with her five young women following her. And she went after the messengers of David, and she became his wife.

1 Sam. 3:1-3, 21

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

2 And at that time Eli lay in his place, and his eyesight had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see.

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.

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1 Sam. 20:42

42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, because both of us have sworn in the name of Jehovah, saying, May Jehovah be between me and you and between my seed and your seed forever. Then David rose up and left, and Jonathan went into the city.

1 Sam. 31:2

2 And the Philistines chased Saul and his sons; and the Philistines struck down Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchi-shua, Saul's sons.

1 Sam. 15:23

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2 Sam. 12:9-10, 14

9 Why have you despised the word of Jehovah by doing what is evil in His sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife as your wife and have slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

10 Now therefore the sword will not depart from your house forever because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

14 Nevertheless, because you have given the enemies of Jehovah much occasion to blaspheme Him because of this thing, the son who is born to you shall also surely die.

Footnotes: Eph. 6:11^{1,2}, 13¹; 1 Sam. 3:20¹; 31:2¹; 15:9¹, 12¹, 23^{1,2}; 12:10¹

Message 11 – David and Abigail Typifying the Warring Christ and the Warring Church

Message 12 – Spiritual Principles, Life Lessons, and Holy Warnings concerning the Enjoyment of the Good Land Seen with Five Major Figures in 1 and 2 Samuel

Lord's Day 1/2

Rom. 8:28-39

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

30 And those whom He predestinated, these He also called; and those whom He called, these He also justified; and those whom He justified, these He also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

32 Indeed, He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not also with Him freely give us all things?

33 Who shall bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who justifies.

34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ Jesus who died and, rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or anguish or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

36 As it is written, "For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; we have been accounted as sheep for slaughter."

37 But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us.

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor things present nor things to come nor powers

39 Nor height nor depth nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Further Reading:

*Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel,
Msgs. 2, 7, 14, 19, 26, 30*