

INTRODUCTION: TRULY SCARY (2Sam.4:4; see 2Tm.3:1f with 5b; 2:22)

I. WORTHLESS SONS (1Sam.2:12; see Dt.13:13; Jdg.19:22; 1Kngs.21:10f; 2Tm.3:1f)

A. GREAT PRIVILEGE (1Sam.1:3; see Rom.9:4f)

1. *preached the Gospel* (Lev.17:6; see 2Cor.5:21)
2. *taught the Law* (Mal.2:7; Ezra 7:10)

B. GREAT WICKEDNESS

1. *blasphemously idolatrous* (1Sam.2:17,12f; see 2Tm.3:4b,2f)
2. *violently wicked* (1Sam.2:22; 2Tm.3:6f(1Tm.5:6,11f); see 2Tm.3:3b,2f; 2Pt.2:14f)

C. GREAT PRESUMPTION (1Sam.4:4; see 3:13; see Dt.31:9,25; Lev.16:2)

D. GREAT DESTRUCTION (1Sam.2:30,34; 3:11f; 4:11,17,19; see Dt.29:1f; 28:15f; 25/7; Jms.3:1f)

E. GREAT EXTENT (1Sam.7:3f(2:16); see Jdgs.17:6; 21:25; Jer.5:31)

II. WORTHLESS RELIGION (1Sam.4:4)

A. ARK WITHOUT OBEDIENCE (1Sam.4:4; see 3:13; 15:22; see Dt.31:9,25; Lev.16:2; see 2Tim.3:5)

B. WORSHIP WITHOUT SERVICE (1Jn.4:20; see Mt.22:37f; Eph.2:5f,10; Tt.3:14; Jms.1:26,27)

C. SACRIFICE WITHOUT COMPASSION (1Sam.2:12f,22; 15:22; see Mt.9:13; 12:7; Hos.6:6)

D. FASTING WITHOUT REPENTANCE (Is.58:3f vs 6f; see Eph.4:28)

E. CLEAN HANDS WITHOUT CLEAN HEART (Mt.15:2,10f; 23:25f; see Ps.24:4; 51:10; Heb.10:22)

F. TRADITION WITHOUT LAW (Mt.15:3f; see Col.2:23,14f; Gal.4:9f w/5:13f)

G. FORM WITHOUT POWER (1Sam.2:11/12; 26/27; 2Tm.3:5,1f vs. 10f)

H. WORDS WITHOUT WORKS (Mt.7:15f; Gal.5:22f; see Jms.2:14f; Tt.3:14; i.e., unrighteousness)

I. WORKS WITHOUT WORDS (1Cor.11:28f; 12:3; Rom.10:1f; i.e., self-righteousness)

III. WORTHLESS GLORY (1Sam.4:11,17,19,21(*Ichabod*),22)

A. SHILOH (1Sam.4:3f,10f; see Ps.78:60-64; Jer.7:12f; 26:6f)

B. JERUSALEM (Jer.7:12f; 26:6f; Ezk.1:15f; 10:18f; 11:23; see 2Chr.36:16f; Mt.23:37f)

C. EPHESUS (Rev.2:4f)

D. OSWEGO?! (see Lk.20:16)

IV. FROM WORTHLESS TO WORTHY (see Eph.4:1; Phil.1:27; Col.1:10; 1Th.2:12; 2Th.1:5,11)

A. WORTHY REMEDY: TURN AWAY FROM YOUR SINS TO CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS!

(1Sam.7:3f; Jer.7:3,5; 26:2f; Rev.2:5b,21f; ; see Acts 26:18-20; 2Cor.5:21; 1Cor.11:24,25)

B. WORTHY SONS: DO THE WILL OF YOUR FATHER! (1Sam.2:12,25b vs 3:9f; /Jn8:28f; Phil.2:15; Eph6:1f)

C. WORTHY RELIGION: LOVE GOD WITH ALL & NEIGHBOR AS SELF! (1Sam.2:12f,17,22; Lk.18:2f vs. Mt.22:37,39; Jms.1:26f)

D. WORTHY GLORY: SEEK GOD'S COVENANT PRESENCE & BLESSING! (1Sam.4:10f; Ps.78:54f vs. Rom.8:9f; 1Cor.3:16; Eph.2:22; 4:30(Is.63:10); 2Tm.1:14; Jms.4:5)

E. WORTHY MEANS: BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT! (2Tm.3:10f,14f vs. 3:5,1f; see Rom.10:17; Eph.5:17f; Mt.22:29; 1Cor.1:18f; 2Cor.6:6,7; Gal.5:22f)