

INTRODUCTION

A. GOD'S APPRENTICES (2:28; Ex.28:1f)

B. TWO WITNESSES (Dt.17:6; 19:15; Mt.18:16; 2Cor.13:1; 1Tm.5:19; Heb.10:28)

1. *man of God & Samuel* (2:27f and 3:10f)

2. *word & sign* (2:27f & 34)

3. *oath: word & word* (3:14; see Mt.5:37; Heb.6:14)

I. ELI & SONS, INC. (1Sam.2,3)

A. UNDESERVED (2:27,28; see Ex.28:1f; Lev.7:28f; Num.18:8f)

B. UNFAITHFUL (2:29a; see 17,12f; also 2:22,16)

C. UNDISCIPLINED (2:29b; see 3:13; Prov.19:18)

D. UNREPENTANT (2:16,25; see Num.15:30f; Heb.10:26; see 2Sam.22:1f; Ps.109:31,1f)

E. UNEMPLOYED (2:30-36; see 1Kngs.2:26,27; 35)

1. *word* (2:30-33,36 and 3:10-14)

2. *sign* (2:34; see 4:11,17)

F. UNBROKEN (2:35 /Num.18:19; 2Sam.8:17; 15:24f; 1Kngs.2:35; 1Chr.6:8,1f /Ps.110:4; Heb.5:6,etc.; also Lk.1:32f)

G. UNFORGIVEN (3:14)

II. UNFORGIVENESS IN THE BIBLE

A. ISSUE: THE OFFICE OF HIGH PRIEST

1. *priesthood not lost* (1Sam.2:30f,33,36)

2. *high priesthood forfeited* (1Sam.2:30f,35; 3:10-14; 1Kngs.2:26,27; 35)

3. *the high priesthood* (Heb.9:7; Lev.16:12f; Ex.28:1f; Num.3:2f,32; 4:16; 20:25f; 25:7f; 1Chr.6:1f)

B. DEPOSITION vs. DAMNATION (1Sam.3:14; note: deposition vs. suspension; *Book of Discipline*, chp.4; para.1,d.)

C. FORFEITURE OF OFFICE IN THE BIBLE

1. *Cain/Seth* (Gen.4:1f; 5:6f)

2. *Esau/Jacob* (Heb.12:16,17)

3. *Reuben/Joseph* (1Chr.5:1; see Gen.49:3,4; 48:8f)

4. *Aaron/Elazar* (Num.20:23f; see Heb.7:23)

5. *Moses/Joshua* (Num.20:12; 27:14f; Dt.1:37f; 3:26f)

6. *Eli(Abiathar)/Zadok* (1Sam.2:30/35; 1Kngs.2:26,27; 35)

7. *Saul/David* (1Sam.15:28; 28:17; see 16:13/14f; Dt.34:9; see 2Sam.7:14f)

8. *Shebna/Eliakim* (Is.22:15f,20; see Lk.16:1f)

9. *Judas/Matthias* (Acts 1:20; see Ps.109:8)

10. *Adam/Jesus* (Lk.3:38; 1:35; see Rom.5:12f; 1Cor.15:22,45; see Gen.3:24/Heb.10:19f; Rev.2:7; 22:2f)

11. *Jews/Gentiles* (Gen.12:3; Jn.4:22; Rom.11:17f,20; Rev.2:5; see Mt.5:32; 19:9; 1Tm.5:19f)

III. JEALOUSLY GUARD YOUR PRIVILEGED DUTIES! (see Gen.2:15)

A. PRAISE GOD FOR YOUR HIGH & HOLY CALLING AS PRIESTS TO THE WORLD!

(1Sam.2:27f; see Dt.19:6; 1Pt.2:9)

B. DO NOT FORFEIT YOUR PRIESTLY PRIVILEGES BY UNREPENTANT SIN (1Sam.2:29;17,22;

3:13; see Rom.11:20; Rev.2:5; 1Cor.3:12)

C. TEACH & DISCIPLINE THOSE ENTRUSTED TO YOUR CARE WITH PATIENCE & PERSEVERANCE (1Sam.3:13; see Eph.6:4; Mt.18:14f; 1Cor.5:13,1f)

D. AVOID GETTING FIRED / PLEAD FOR REINSTATEMENT / SUBMIT TO DISCIPLINE

(1Sam.2:29; Rev.2:5 / 2Kngs.20:2; Acts 15:38&2Tm.4:11 / 1Sam.3:18; see 2Kngs.24:12f(Jer.38:17f); 25:27f)

E. YOU & YOUR HOUSEHOLD W/YOU: PERVASIVE PERSISTENCE OF COVENANT;

BLESSING & CURSING; RESTORATION (1Sam.2:27,30f; 3:12f; see Dt.30:1f; Ezk.18:14f; 1Sam.2:36)

F. LOOK TO JESUS, YOUR TRUE PRIEST AND TRUE KING (1Sam.2:35; see Num.18:19f; Ps.110:4;

Heb.5:6,etc. /and Lk.1:32f; Eph.1:19f; Rev.7:17; 22:3)