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## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOOK OF 1 SAMUEL**

### ***TERM 4 MORNING TEACHING SERIES***

#### **PRIMARY AIM**

To explore the nature of God's sovereignty at a personal and wider perspective.

#### **SUBSIDIARY AIMS**

- To reflect on what God values and the kind of person God desires to lead his people.
- To reflect on our sinful human tendency to seek fallen leaders.
- To gain greater familiarity with 1 Samuel as it fits into the wider canon and God's salvation history.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PASTORAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The 10am Congregation will embark on a 6-week teaching series in the book of 1 Samuel. This book was chosen because there is much happening in the world and in our lives that can lead us to feel like that our God is not in control. However, by dwelling on God's sovereignty and character, we can build our trust in God to provide for us in all circumstances. Further, a focus on what kind of King God desires provides good preparation for the church season of Advent when we look to the arrival of King Jesus.

Note each week there is also a bracketed portion of scripture. This is to indicate the broader narrative section to draw upon for each sermon.

## STRUCTURE AND TOPICS

<b>WEEK</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>READING</b>
1	Oct-6	Because I asked the Lord for him	1 Sam 1:1-20 (1 Sam 1-3)
	Oct-13	- <i>Mission Sunday</i> -	
2	Oct-20	Give us a King	1 Sam 8:1-22 (1 Sam 8-10)
	Oct-27	- <i>CAFMs Sunday</i> -	
3	Nov-3	Unfit to Rule	1 Sam 15:1-35 (1 Sam 11; 13; 15)
4	Nov-10	The Lord looks at the Heart	1 Sam 16:1-13 (1 Sam 16-17)
5	Nov-17	Saving the King	1 Sam 25:1-35 (1 Sam 18; 24-26)
6	Nov-24	Success is found in God	1 Sam 30:1-30 (1 Sam 30-31)

# 1 **1 Samuel 1-3**

## ***“BECAUSE I ASKED OF THE LORD FOR HIM”***

1. Watch the Bible Project’s overview of 1 & 2 Samuel.  
<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/1-samuel/>
2. Pray and read 1 Samuel 1:1-28.
3. What do we learn about Elkannah from this chapter?
4. What do we learn about Hannah and how she responded in her deep anguish?

5. Hannah most likely makes a Nazirite vow in verse 11. For its background, look up Numbers 6:1–21, Judges 13:5, and also Lk 1:15. What does her vow tell us or not tell us about Hannah and her faith in God?
  
6. Think of a time when you have been in great need and desperation. Did you bring it to God or not, and if so how did you bring it to God?
  
7. Read 1 Samuel 2:1-36.
  
8. What parts of Hannah's Song in verses 2:1-11 resonate with her experiences from chapter 1?
  
9. Why does God judge the house of Eli (2:30-36)?

10. What parts of Hannah's Song foreshadows the fall of Eli's house?

11. Read 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1.

12. How does Samuel prove faithful to God?

13. As you look back over chapters 1-3, what do we learn about God in how he deals with his people, both in his character and purpose?

14. What is one insight that you have learnt from this study?

15. Pray for each other.





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