

People of Faith

(Lesson 16)

Introduction:

1. A number of men and women from the Old Testament are mentioned in Hebrews 11 to show how faith will enable a person to be in good standing with God.
2. In vs.32 Samuel, one of Israel's greatest leaders, is mentioned.
3. Samuel served Israel as:
 - a. prophet (1 Samuel 3:19-21)
 - b. priest (1 Samuel 7:9)
 - c. judge (1 Samuel 7:15).
4. Samuel demonstrated a tremendous amount of faith on many occasions.
5. This lesson is the first of a 2-part study of Samuel's life.
6. Let us first observe how . . .

Discussion:

- I. SAMUEL'S MOTHER, HANNAH, POSSESSED GREAT FAITH (1 Samuel 1-2)
 - A. (1:1-8) Hannah was treated very badly because she had no children.
 - B. (1:9-18) Hannah wisely took her problem to the Lord.
 - C. (1:19-28; 2:11) Hannah kept her vow.
 - D. (2:1-10) Hannah expressed her joy to God through prayer.
- II. SAMUEL WOULD LATER TAKE ELI'S PLACE AS ISRAEL'S LEADER (1 Samuel 2)
 - A. Eli's sons were wicked (2:12, 17, 22).
 - B. (2:34) A prophet informed Eli that his sons would be killed.
 - C. However, God would provide "*a faithful priest*" (2:35).
- III. SAMUEL'S FAITH BEGAN TO DEVELOP AT A YOUNG AGE (1 Samuel 2-3)
 - A. As a child, Samuel ministered and grew before the Lord (2:18-21, 26).
 - B. He also learned to listen to God's word (ch.3).
 - C. By developing faith at a young age, Samuel was being prepared for service he would later give to God and Israel (see 2 Timothy 1:5).