



DAILY DEVOTIONS

THE 7 ARROWS OF BIBLICAL READING



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

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SAMUEL 2:12-17

Some people, like Hophni and Phineas, use their authority to serve themselves and harm others. These priests lied about the Lord and intimidated the worshippers. But Jesus is a different kind of priest— one who serves and loves. He uses His authority to bless. Be like Jesus today. Use any position or authority God gives you to be a blessing to others. It will honor the Lord when you do.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO LEAD BY SERVING?

HOW DOES SELFISHNESS MAKE US BAD LEADERS?

HOW CAN YOU SERVE OTHERS WELL THIS WEEK?

DAY 02

SAMUEL 2:18-21

HOW HAS GOD BEEN GENEROUS TO YOU?

HOW DOES GOD'S GENEROSITY BUILD YOUR FAITH?

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT YOU CANNOT OUTGIVE GOD?

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DAY 03

1 SAMUEL 2:22-36

The priests had failed, and God was determined to judge them. But there was one shining light in the midst of the darkness: "By contrast, the boy Samuel grew in stature and in favor with the Lord and with people" (1 Sam. 2:26). Just because people you know are rebelling against God and living immorally, that doesn't mean you have to do the same thing. Samuel was nothing like Hophni and Phineas. You don't have to fit in with the crowd. Like Samuel, grow in the Lord and become who God made you to be.

WHY IS IT HARD TO LIVE FOR GOD WHEN OTHERS ARE NOT?

WHAT ARE THE MAIN THINGS CAUSING YOU TO DRIFT AWAY FROM GOD?

HOW CAN YOU REMAIN FAITHFUL EVEN WHEN OTHERS DO NOT?

SAMUEL 4:1-11

WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM ISRAEL'S DEFEAT?

HOW ARE YOU TEMPTED TO USE GOD RATHER THAN LET GOD USE YOU?

HOW CAN YOU RETURN TO THE LORD AFTER YOU DISHONOR HIM?

The day the ark was stolen must have been one of the darkest days in Israel's history. How did they get here? A few generations ago they crossed the Red Sea, then the Jordan River. They took the land with great success. But they abandoned the God who'd given them those victories. They forsook His ways and forfeited His blessing. We cannot turn away from God and expect His blessing. Instead of asking God to bless our agenda, we need to walk in His ways. Live for His purpose and experience His power today.

SAMUEL 4:12-22

This day of judgment had come upon Israel suddenly. God had been patient, but in one day, it all came crashing down. The army was defeated, the ark was stolen, and the priests were dead. Hannah had sung of God as a rock (2:22), but Israel had built its house on the sand. As Jesus said: "Everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn't act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash" (Matt. 7:26-27). Don't build your life on sand. Build your life on Christ.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO TURN AWAY FROM BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE?

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO TURN BACK TO GOD WITH URGENCY?

HOW CAN YOU TAKE ACTION TO LIVE FOR GOD TODAY?