

Silent prayer but open praise—thoughtful, heartfelt and diverse.

1 A version taken from Mary's magnificate when came cousin Eliszbeth when pregnant w/ Jesus Lk 1:46-55 'My soul does magnify the Lord and my spirit does rejoice for He has regarded the low estate of His handmaid...' Same Holy Spirit inspires both women. Compare both

Praise and thanksgiving important part of prayer... 10 Lepers healed only one came back 'were there not 10'...

For giver not gift—seek baptizer not baptism—hard to have comeback when enemy is blessed and you are not. But when salvation comes so does boldness.

2 God referred to as Rock...of salvation, & my redeemer, of strength, of habitation, of my refuge, 'upon this rock I will build my church', He is the cornerstone builders rejected. Acknowledge supremacy.

3 Reference to Peninnah—boasting, arrogance—because of who God is He won't let these things slide, he looks at motive.

1-3 God weighs action – not just doing but being, who we are inside motive for doing. Not do righteousness to be seen of men—pray, give, serve,

4,5 God is for the underdog—He does opposite of what's expected. He reverses conditions. Don't do to be seen of others or praised by them

6,7 God is sovereign—Omnipotent – if He can do extreme. He can do what concerns our temporal wellbeing—situation.

8,9 He helps those who can't help themselves. If God looks after the vast world He will watch over what concerns us. Yet we feel powerless to do anything. Pillars figure of speech 4 corners Job 26:7 hangs earth on nothing

Keep feet Ps 72 feet almost slipped- Pr 3:26 For the LORD will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught.

10 M end times judgment and reign of M Mashiach from which M comes 1st mentioned. NT anointed one Christos M. In contending w/ His saints they are contending w/ Him.

11, 12 Sons of wickedness-not know Lord yet Eli let minister. Every family makes a choice Joshua 'as for me and my house...' Will we honor the Lord or our kids or spouse, or parents, family members or friends who are contrary to Jesus. We have to take a stand.

Contrast of families—she gives Samuel to Lord and Lord give 5 children back :21 Teach child to minister to Lord...left to themselves bring shame. Teach respect for authority tho authority not worthy—flawed leadership.

We can pity Eli maybe he did what he could but his sons rebelled and turned out wicked. Seems a decent man but a weak man reluctant to contend w/ sons. – Burning fat was necessary for God to accept offering, it being a sign of repentance and faith. Plus they took the best portions of raw meat – turned worshiper away w/ hypocrisy & bad example—nothing hurts the ministry more than corrupt ministers.

13-17 Corrupt and greedy—fleecing the flock not feeding—ripping off in name of God-offerings. Getting portion before sacrifice & burn fat—Stumbled worshipers who 'abhorred offerings' Turning people away

from God because of a dishonest and crooked life is the worst. Scams prayer rug made of paper, picture of Jesus eyes follow you, seeds, oil, widows mite. Red string—deceivers who prey upon the vulnerable, shut in, on pensions.

Samuel do little things & mother bring new coat

18 Not only bad example but religious hypocrisy – young Samuel ministered to Lord—no excuse to no fulfill calling by bad example of others. Samuel diligent to seek the Lord in spite of surrounding—corrupt leaders. God always has a witness, no matter how apostate the church gets

In midst of bad example and religious hypocrisy young Samuel ministered no excuse not to fulfill his calling to serve and worship Lord. Steadfastness overcame bad surroundings.

21 We can't out give God.

22 Instead of leading to Lord, corrupt ministers, led women to couch for sex. Causing enemies to blaspheme and stumble little ones-millstone, no fear of God. Perverse boys greedy, immoral, liars not the kind you want.

24 Should have kicked them out

25 If Eli not deal God will 'he who spares his rod hates his son but he who loves him disciplines him diligently – Boys had gone to point of no return & God wanted to wipe them out

29 Eli lost zeal for Gods glory—religion was routine, no fire in the bones for holiness of God or man. No sense of revival fires to make name of God known among people and family and himself. Now status quo, a man

pleaser—indulged his sons. He lost the respect of his family, nation most of all God.

33 Abiathar? Only survivor of Nob 1Sam 22:18-23; 1Ki 2:26,27

36 Heirlings instead of shepherds who after God's heart—Eli's response 'whatever seems good to Lord' not what God looking for. Counsel 'whatever, I deserve it' no humility for wrong but pathetic, self pity, ungodly response—repentance should be as notorious as sin

New priesthood to emerge, Jesus Christ after Melchizedek

1Then Hannah prayed and said,
"My heart exults in the LORD;
My horn is exalted in the LORD,
My mouth speaks boldly against my enemies,
Because I rejoice in Your salvation.

2 There is no one holy like the LORD,
 Indeed, there is no one besides You,
 Nor is there any rock like our God.

3 Boast no more so very proudly,
 Do not let arrogance come out of your mouth;
 For the LORD is a God of knowledge,
 And with Him actions are weighed.

4 The bows of the mighty are shattered,
 But the feeble gird on strength.

5 Those who were full hire themselves out for bread,
 But those who were hungry cease *to hunger*.
 Even the barren gives birth to seven,
 But she who has many children languishes.

6 The LORD kills and makes alive;
 He brings down to Sheol and raises up.

7 The LORD makes poor and rich;
 He brings low, He also exalts.

8 He raises the poor from the dust,
 He lifts the needy from the ash heap
 To make them sit with nobles,
 And inherit a seat of honor;
 For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
 And He set the world on them.

9 He keeps the feet of His godly ones,
 But the wicked ones are silenced in darkness;
 For not by might shall a man prevail.

10 Those who contend with the LORD will be shattered;
 Against them He will thunder in the heavens,
 The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
 And He will give strength to His king,
 And will exalt the horn of His anointed."

11 Then Elkanah went to his home at Ramah. But the boy ministered to the LORD before Eli the priest.

The Sin of Eli's Sons

¹² Now the sons of Eli were worthless men; they did not know the LORD ¹³ and the custom of the priests with the people. When any man was offering a sacrifice, the priest's servant would ¹³ come while the meat was boiling, with a three-pronged fork in his hand. ¹⁴ Then he would thrust it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. Thus they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there. ¹⁵ Also, before they burned the fat, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who was sacrificing, "Give the priest meat for roasting, as he will not take boiled meat from you, only raw." ¹⁶ And if the man said to him, "They must surely burn the fat first, and then take as much as you desire," then he would say, "No, but you shall give *it to me* now; and if not, I will take it by force." ¹⁷ Thus the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD, for the men despised the offering of the LORD.

Samuel before the LORD as a Boy

¹⁸Now Samuel was ministering before the LORD, as a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹And his mother would make him a little robe and bring it to him from year to year when she would come up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and say, "May the LORD give you children from this woman in place of the one she dedicated to the LORD." And they went to their own home. ²¹And the LORD visited Hannah; and she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew before the LORD.

Eli Rebukes His Sons

²²Now Eli was very old; and he heard all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who served at the doorway of the tent of meeting. ²³And he said to them, "Why do you do such things, the evil things that I hear from all these people? ²⁴"No, my sons; for the report is not good which I hear the LORD's people circulating. ²⁵"If one man sins against another, God will mediate for him; but if a man sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?" But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for the LORD desired to put them to death. ²⁶Now the boy Samuel was growing in stature and in favor both with the LORD and with men.

²⁷Then a man of God came to Eli and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Did I *not* indeed reveal Myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt *in bondage* to Pharaoh's house? ²⁸'And did I *not* choose them from all the tribes of Israel to be My priests, to go up to My altar, to burn incense, to carry an ephod before Me; and did I *not* give to the house of your father all the fire *offerings* of the sons of Israel? ²⁹'Why do you kick at My sacrifice and at My offering which I have commanded *in My dwelling*, and honor your sons above Me, by making yourselves fat with the choicest of every offering of My people Israel?' ³⁰"Therefore the LORD God of Israel declares, 'I did indeed say that your house and the house of your father should walk before Me forever'; but now the LORD declares, 'Far be it from Me—for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me will be lightly esteemed. ³¹'Behold, the days are coming when I will break your strength and the strength of your father's house so that there will not be an old man in your house. ³²'And you will see the distress of My dwelling, in *spite of* all that I do good for Israel; and an old man will not be in your house forever. ³³'Yet I will not cut off every man of yours from My altar that your eyes may fail *from weeping* and your soul grieve, and all the increase of your house will die in the prime of life. ³⁴'And this will be the sign to you which shall come concerning your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas: on the same day both of them shall die. ³⁵'But I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who will do according to what is in My heart and in My soul; and I will build him an enduring house, and he will walk before My anointed always. ³⁶'And it shall come about that everyone who is left in your house shall come and bow down to him for a piece of silver or a loaf of bread, and say, "Please assign me to one of the priest's offices so that I may eat a piece of bread.'""