

THE MAN OF GOD 1 SAM. 2:27-36

Introductory thoughts:

- I don't like to read this
- I don't really want to believe this
- I most assuredly don't want to preach (=apply) this to anybody

We **don't** know much about this prophet – either who he is or the when

Basic assumption:

Jeremiah 18:7 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; **Jeremiah 18:8** **If** that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. **Jeremiah 18:9** And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; **Jeremiah 18:10** **If** it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

Jonah 1:1 Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, **Jonah 1:2** Arise, **go** to Nineveh, that great city, and **cry** against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

Jonah 3:4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, **Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.** **Jonah 3:5** So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. **Jonah 3:6** For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. **Jonah 3:7** And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: **Jonah 3:8** But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. **Jonah 3:9** **Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?** **Jonah 3:10** And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

Jonah 4:1 **But it displeased Jonah exceedingly,** and he was very angry. **Jonah 4:2** And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, **was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore** I fled before unto Tarshish: **for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.**

The message of the Man of God:

I. What the Lord did for Eli's house

1 Samuel 2:27 And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly **appear** unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? **1 Samuel 2:28** And did I **choose** him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I **give** unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

Exodus 6:23 And **Aaron** took him Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab, sister of Naashon, to wife; **and she bare him Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.**

Exodus 29:8 And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them. **Exodus 29:9** And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: **and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.**

Leviticus 10:1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. **Leviticus 10:2** And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

1. The Lord visited him & ...his!

2. The Lord chose him & ...his!

Exodus 28:1 And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, **even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.**

Exodus 28:43 **And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die: it shall be a statute for ever unto him and his seed after him.**

Exodus 30:7 And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it.

Exodus 30:8 And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, **a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.**

Exodus 28:6-12 ...And thou shalt take two onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel: Six of their names on one stone, and the other six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth. With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches of gold. **And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod for stones of memorial unto the children of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial.**

3. The Lord gave to him &...his the sacrifices

Leviticus 2:3 And the remnant of the meat offering shall be Aaron's and his sons': it is a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

Leviticus 2:10 And that which is left of the meat offering shall be Aaron's and his sons': it is a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

Leviticus 6:16 And the remainder thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat: with unleavened bread shall it be eaten in the holy place; in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they shall eat it.

Leviticus 7:8 -10

Numbers 18:20 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, **Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.**

II. What Eli's house did

1 Samuel 2:29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; **and honourest** (וְתִכְבְּדוּן אֶת־בָּנָי) **thy sons** above me, **to make** yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?

3 issues:

1. An attitude towards the sacrifices

2. Gave more weight to sons that to God

3. Gave more thought to his appetites than to God

Philippians 3:18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **Philippians 3:19** Whose end is destruction, **whose God is their belly**, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

III. Therefore what the Lord will do with Eli's house

1 Samuel 2:30 Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; **for them that honour** (כִּי־מְכַבְּדִי) **me I will honour** (אֶכְבֵּד), and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

1 Samuel 2:31-33 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house. And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever. And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age.

1 Samuel 2:34 And this shall be a **sign** unto thee, **that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.**

1 Samuel 2:35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.

1 Kings 2:26 And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou art worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the Lord GOD before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted. **1 Kings 2:27** So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; **that he might fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.**

Hebrews 2:17-18 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. **Hebrews 7:26** For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; **Hebrews 7:27** Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.