

The corrupt sons of Eli
1 Sam 2:12-17
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Thesis: I want to show the problems caused by disappointing God and bring shame on His people.

Intro: 1. How does public sin affect God and His people?

I. Now the sons of Eli were corrupt (v.12)

A. Corruptness

1. “worthless, good for nothing, unprofitable, base fellow wicked ruin, destruction”

B. “they did not know the Lord”

1. know - “to recognize, admit, acknowledge, confess to consider”

II. The sinful “custom

A. Their sin (at least one of them)

1. They would take their portion while the meat was still boiling (v.13)

2. They would also take the meat before burning the fat (v.14-15)

B. Give it now (v.16)

1. They would take raw or near raw meat

2. Such actions were unlawful before God

C. Why do you do such things?

1. They laid with women who met at the door of the tabernacle!! (v.22)

2. Their report was well known and wide spread (v.23-24)

a. Their public sin demanded public repentance

b. They were unwilling to repent (v.25).

III. “The sin of the young men was very great before the Lord”

A. The sin... was great before the Lord (v.17a)

1. Their sins were large and very dark (v.22-23)

B. Men abhorred the offering of the Lord (v.17b)

1. They despised and treated the offering of the Lord as if it were not important.

2. They could not care less about offerings being given to God.

C. Fate of the sons of Eli

1. These sons were to die (v.34)

2. This new pries, unlike these sons of Eli would do what differently?

a. “who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My Mind.” (v.35a)

Application & Conclusion:

1. If we sin and bring reproach (shame or cause the church to be questioned because of our sinful actions) we must repent of such.

2. The sons of Eli sinned publically in such ways-you don't want to be like them!

3. Full Invitation