

GOD'S JUDGMENT UPON AARON'S PRIESTHOOD

For the **second time**, God will pronounce divine judgment of the **sin unto death upon Aaron's priesthood**.

(Ex.29:9) "You shall gird them with sashes, Aaron and his sons, and bind caps on them, and they shall have the priesthood by a perpetual statute. So you shall ordain Aaron and his sons."

The Sin unto Death is the means by which a reversionistic believer is transferred from time (ph. II) to eternity (ph.III) by way of maximum divine discipline (Heb.12:5-11).

(1 John 5:16-17) "If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. **There is a sin leading to death**; I do not say that he should make a request for this. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death." (Acts 5; 1 Cor.5:5; 10:6-11; 1 Tim.1:19-20).

This lesson will study six aspects of God's Judgment upon Aaron's Priesthood.

1. First time God's judgment was put upon Aaron's priesthood is recorded in Num.3:1-4; 26:60-66).

The two older sons of Aaron died the sin unto death for disgracing a "Shadow Christology" offering of Christ.

(Num.26:61) "But Nadab and Abihu died when they offered strange fire before the Lord." (Num.3:4; Lev.10:1-3)

This left the two remaining sons, Eleazer and Ithamar, with Aaron's High Priesthood.

2. Eli was a descendant of Ithamar (1 Chron.24:1-6). Apparently, he held both the office of Judge and High Priest in Israel (Judges 21:25) [no king]

The second divine judgment upon Aaron's priesthood will come upon Eli and Ithamar's priesthood. Once again it will come from two sons who disgraced Shadow Christology in a High Priestly service.

3. The message of God's Judgment upon Aaron's Priesthood was delivered by a special unnamed prophet sent from God to Eli (1 Sam.2:27-36) [our lesson text]

(1 Sam.2:27) "Then 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?" (Ex.12; 1 Cor.5:7; John 1:29) [Passover Lamb]

We will examine the content of our lesson text by the following three homiletic points.

- (1 Sam.2:27-30) **Lost** of high priestly legacy – "Did I not" (1 Sam.27-28) [3 times] – "Why do you kick at My sacrifice and at My offering (Gospel of Christ) (Gal.3:8)" and "Why do you honor your sons above Me" and judgment (1 Sam.29-30)
- (1 Sam.2:31-34) **Lost** of high priestly longevity – "Days are coming (vs.31)" and "Distresses are coming (vs.32)" and Deaths are coming (1 Sam.33-34)"

- (1 Sam.2:35-36) **Lost** of high priestly leadership – “I will raise up (vs.35)” and “I will build (vs.34)”

4. This prophetic message to Eli teaches us a doctrinal principle related to the sin unto death.

Doctrinal principle: God offers grace before judgment. God’s justice gave the sentence and reasons before the judgment. God allowed Eli time to get his household in order with man and God (2 Kings 20:1) [Hezekiah].

As in the first divine judgment upon Aaron’s high priesthood, God gave the reasons and the sentence before the judgment of the sin unto death.

5. God’s case against Eli and his two sons is laid out in (1 Sam.2:12-36). It is summarized in the message given by the Man of God to Eli in (1 Sam.2:27-36) [our lesson text]

“Why do you **kick** (baat) (Acts 9:5) [KJ] (Heb.10:26-31) 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?” (1 Sam.2:29) (Ezek.18:30-32/ read)

The divine judgment of the Sin unto Death extended to the generational descendants of the house of El (1 Sam.2:31-33).

6. This divine judgment will be seen in the King Saul slaughter of all but one of the priests at Nob (1 Sam.22:6-23).

(1 Sam.2:31) “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 forever.”

Saul killed 85 remaining priests of the house of Ithamar. There was only one survivor, Abiathar (1 Sam.22:18-20; Mark 2:23-28).

The remaining descendants of the house of Ithamar will be reduced to servants of the high priesthood of Eleazar.

(1 Sam.2:36) “Everyone who is left in your house will 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.’”

Doctrinal principle #1: “It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” (Heb.10:31)

Doctrinal principle #2: The Plan of God is not dependent upon anyone one person no matter how important he may appear (Moses; Aaron; Eli; nor you or me). It is a privilege to participate in the Plan of God!