

LESSON 12:

The Philistines killed about 4000 Israelites in battle. Perplexed by these events, the Elders of Israel decided to bring The Ark of The Covenant into battle. Eli's sons, Hopni and Phinehas, accompanied The Ark to the battlefield. Our story continues in 1 Samuel 4.

Genesis 12:2-3, 37, 50:15-26

Numbers 21:4-9

1 Samuel 4:1-11

2 Kings 18:1-4, 20:16-18

Psalms 34, 37, 40:1-5, 43, 46

Proverbs 3:7-12, 4:20-27, 6:12-15,32, 8:32-36, 10:2,27-32, 11:19-21,29, 12:1-3,13, 13:12-22, 14:8-9,11-14, 15:9-10, 17:13,15, 22:8

Eccl 5:4-5

Isaiah 6

Daniel 1

Matthew 7:13-29, 25:21, 28:18-20

John 3:14-15, 6:37-39, 10:27-30, 18:9

1 Corinthians 3, 5

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Galatians 2:20, 6:7-9

Ephesians 6:1-3

Philippians 4:13

1 Thess. 2:19

2 Timothy 4:6

Hebrews 10:31-36, 12:1-13

James 1:12

1 Peter 2, 3:13-16, 4:12-19

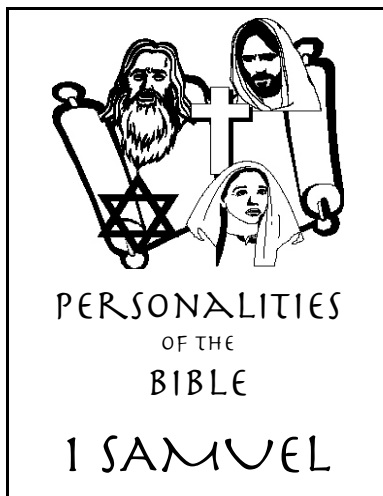
1 John 1:9

Revelation 2:10, 3:11, 4

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APPLICATIONS—SUFFERING

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1. If you are a Christian who is going through suffering ask yourself the question “Did I do something sinful to cause this suffering?”. Don’t forget to consider a vow (Eccl.. 5:4-5) dishonoring parents (Eph. 6:1-3) and hatred of Jews (Gen. 12:2).
2. If the answer is YES, than genuinely repent taking all corrective action necessary (1 John 1:9).
3. If your answer is NO, than you are suffering for righteousness sake. Jesus suffered, we will also suffer. (Heb. 10:35-39), (Heb. 12:1-3), (1 Peter 3:13-16), (1 Peter 4:12-19)
4. If you are suffering for righteousness sake, pray asking God to help you learn all the lessons he is teaching you and to help you persevere during the trial without losing heart.
5. Remember Paul’s account! When you are weak you get more of God (Phil. 4:13), (2 Cor. 12:1-10)
6. Spend more time in the word to get you through the suffering. God will deepen your relationship with Him during this time and equip you to serve Him in greater ways. He will be deepening and broadening your ministry. (Psalm 34) (Psalm 40:15)
7. Be careful! Other people, especially Christians will discourage you by counseling you to take matters in your own hands to end your suffering (Psalm 43:5)

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