

Samuel: The Eulogy Of A Godly Man
1 Samuel 25:1

Eulogy: a speech or piece of writing that praises someone or something highly,
typically someone who has just died.

“What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation (a drink offering of thanksgiving) and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows (keeping his commitments to the LORD) to the LORD in the presence of all His people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.”
(Psalm 116:12-15)

- Seven Lessons We Can Learn From Samuel’s Life:
 - God answers prayer: *“For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil” (1 Peter 3:12). “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16).*
 - Samuel’s life was fully committed to the LORD: *“And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength” (Mark 12:30). “Then the LORD said to me, ‘Though Moses and Samuel stood before Me, yet My heart would not turn toward this people. Send them out of My sight, and let them go!’” (Jeremiah 15:1).*
 - Our faithfulness to God doesn’t always lead to ease or desirable outcomes: *“Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.” (Habakkuk 3:17-18)*
 - Godliness is not hereditary: *“The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.” (Ezekiel 18:20)*
 - God desires for us to bring all our hurts to Him: *“Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us” (Psalm 62:8). “The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit” (Psalm 34:18).*
 - To be a follower of God is to declare Him Lord and Savior: *“Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9). “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” (John 14:15).*
 - A spiritual leader’s main responsibilities are to be an example, teach the Word faithfully, and pray for His people: *“But we will devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word” (Acts 6:4). “Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith” (Hebrews 13:7; cf. 1 Samuel 12:23-25).*

Announcements:

★**SUNDAY TEACHING CLASS:** We will be starting a new Sunday teaching class NEXT Sunday, January 22nd. This class will be an 8 week course entitled "A Biblical View of Prayer" and will be taught by Elder Zach. This class will be held every Sunday, for 8 weeks, at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up list on the back table for those who are interested in participating in this class!

★**CHURCH MEMBERS MEETING:** We will be having a business meeting NEXT Sunday, January 22nd, immediately following the worship service to discuss the 2023 Church Budget. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this important meeting!

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner THIS Sunday, January 15th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!