

CONTEMPT FOR CHRIST

The title of this lesson comes from the last verse of our lesson text.

(1 Sam.2:17) “Thus the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord, for the men despised the offering of the Lord.”

We will begin by examining our lesson text by the following three homiletical points.

- **Sons** of Eli, the high priest (1 Sam 2:12)
 - Worthless (“They did not know the Lord.”)
- **Servants** of Shadow Christology (1 Sam 2:13a)
 - Worship (custom of priesthood at Shiloh/ 1 Sam 2:13-14).
- **Sin** against the sacrifice of Christ (1 Sam 2:13b-17)
 - Worldly (cosmos diabolicus) [Worldly Thinking] Attacked the offering of the Lord!

This lesson will study four aspects of the Sons of Eli’s contempt for Christ as unbelievers.

1. We will begin by identifying the sons of Eli as unbelievers who show contempt for Christ.

The two sons of Eli are described as “**worthless** (beliyal / **belial**) (2 Cor.6:15) **sons** (ben); **they did not know** (lo yada/ qal pf.3plm) [Salvation Relationship) **the Lord.**”

(2 Cor.6:15) “Or what harmony has **Christ with Belial**, or what has a **believer in common with an unbeliever.**”

2. Their contempt for the sacrificial offering of Christ describes [Reversionistic Unbelievers](#).

The Hebrew word for contempt is (naats) {piel pf 3plm} (1 Sam 2:17) [contempt, spurn, scorn, and willful disobedience].

Note what they despised? _____ (Heb.8-10)

(Ps.10:13) “**Why has the wicked spurned God?** He has said to himself, ‘You will not require it or (You won’t call me to account).’”

The sons of Eli think this way about God and Christ because they feel this way about their father who is the High Priest

(1 Sam.2:25) “If one person sins against another, God may mediate for the offender; but if anyone sins against the Lord, who will intercede for them?” His sons, however, did not listen to their father’s rebuke, for it was the Lord’s will to put them to death.”

They have spurned the Only Sacrificial Offering for their sin:

(Heb.10:8-10) “Then He said, ‘Behold, **I have come to do Your will.**’ **He takes away the first in order to establish the second. By this will** we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all.**” [note – saying] (1 Pet.1:18-19; 2:24-25)

3. **Because these two unbelievers are in Reversionism, they are anti-establishment, anti-authority, and anti-Christ because of maximum scare-tissue on the soul.**

(1 Sam 2:25) “If one man sins against another, God will mediate for him; **but if a man sins against the Lord, who can intercede for him? But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for the Lord desired to put them to death.**” (1 Sam.2:22-25)

Paul gave a five-point description of hedonistic Reversionism of the unbeliever.

(Eph.4:17-19) “So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

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- In the futility (mataiotes) [empty as to divine design] (Rom.8:20) of their **minds**
- Being darkened (skotoo) in their **understanding**
- Excluded (apallotrioo) from the life of God because of the **ignorance** that is in them
- Because of the hardness (poroo) of their heart; and they, having **become callous**
- Have given themselves over to sensuality (aselgeia) [lasciviousness/ absence of restraint]; (1 Pet.4:1-4) for the practice of **every kind of impurity with greediness.**”

Another example would be Judas Iscariot:

(John 13:1-4, 26-30; 17:12/ Ps.41:9; 18:1-5; Matt.27:1-10; Acts 1:15-19).

4. **The blood of Jesus Christ is the only offering for Adam’s original sin for salvation of unbeliever.**

(1 Cor.15:3-4) “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures”

(Rom.1:16) “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek”

(Eph.2:8-9) “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast”

(Acts 26:18) “to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me”

(Col.1:13-14) “For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His Beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins”

(Rom.5:12) “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned”

(1 Cor.15:22) “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive”