The Story: Chapter Ten

Standing Tall, Falling Hard

*Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”**Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,**casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.* 1st Peter 5:5-6

**Faith produces Faithfulness**

Three Main Themes:

1. Our response to God’s grace determines our destiny.
2. God’s anointed lead on His behalf.
3. Those who humbly depend on God are exalted, the arrogant are brought low.

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| Peninnah | Eli: High Priest | Eli: a father | Eli’s Sons: evil | Saul: faith in |
| Hannah | Samuel: a boy | Samuel: a son | Hannah: good | Samuel: faith in |

Personal Reflection: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Israelite Foolishness: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Martin Luther, “I’d rather be governed by a wise Turk than a stupid Christian.

**Proper distinction of Law and Grace**

* **Blessing (faith produces faithfulness)**
  + Blessing of abundance. (Deuteronomy 28:4-5, 11)
  + Blessing of victory. (Deuteronomy 28:7)
  + Blessing of success. (Deuteronomy 28:8 & 12)
  + Blessing of provision. (Deuteronomy 28:12)
* **Cursing (pride incurs judgment)**
  + Cursed with scarcity. (Deuteronomy 28:17-18)
  + Cursed with defeats. (Deuteronomy 28:25)
  + Cursed with confusion. (Deuteronomy 28:28)
  + Cursed with loss. (Deuteronomy 28:30-33 & 38)
  + Cursed with death. (Deuteronomy 28:24)

*For the Law has its terminus, defining how far it is to go and what it is to achieve, namely, to terrify the impenitent with the wrath and displeasure of God and drive them to Christ. Likewise the Gospel has its unique office and function: to preach the forgiveness of sins to troubled consciences*. (Martin Luther)

**Conflict: Hannah (faith) and Peninnah (pride)**

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**Conflict: Samuel (faith) and Eli & Sons (pride)**

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