



Lesson Seven: A prophet, the priest, and the King

Read Proverbs 29:25 and Isaiah 51:7-8. Where should we put our trust? Whom should we not fear?

Read Luke 19:11-27. If we are faithful with little, what will we be given? If we are not faithful in little, what will happen?

Read Matthew 18:1-9. There is a stern warning here for anyone who leads anyone else away from Christ. Describe it. What does this tell you about how seriously God considers sin?

When we withhold truth that we have from others, we are, in reality, leading them astray. Eli had been given great power and great responsibility came with it. Eli didn't act to rebuke his sons or show them their sin and need for repentance and, as we see in 1 Samuel, the consequences were severe.

Read Matthew 12:33-37, Romans 14:10-12, and Hebrews 13:16-17. All three of these passages tell us that one day we will have to give what? Matthew 12:36 says this will include every what? According to Hebrews 13:17, why should we obey those in authority over us? Does that make you want to be in authority over others or not? Why?

One day, we will all have to give an account to God for all that we have done. If we are covered with Christ's blood, we will be able to stand before Him, justified by His sacrifice. Spend time with Him in prayer today and ask Him to help you to see where your trust is placed; in yourself or in Him. Consider whether fear of man or conflict is causing you to withhold truth from someone you know, and ask Him to give you His courage to do what He is calling you to do today.