

1 Samuel 2:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age.

Analysis

One survivor will remain - not for blessing but for 'consuming eyes and grieving heart.' This descendant will live in misery, watching the house's decline while unable to prevent it. The phrase 'all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age' pictures young men cut down before their prime. This surviving witness becomes a perpetual reminder of judgment, living testimony to the consequences of honoring sons above God. Survival without restoration can be worse than death.

Historical Context

This prophecy likely refers to Abiathar, who survived the massacre at Nob (1 Samuel 22:20) only to be eventually expelled from the priesthood by Solomon (1 Kings 2:26-27). His long life witnessed the transfer of priestly authority from Eli's line to Zadok's.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How can survival become a form of judgment rather than blessing?
2. What does it mean to live as a witness to the consequences of others' sins?

Interlinear Text

מִזְבֵּחַ	וְ	מִעֵד	לְבָבֶךָ	מִזְבֵּחַ	וְ	מִעֵד	לְבָבֶךָ
And	the	man	H3808	of	thine	whom	I shall not cut off
H376				H3772			H0
shall	be	to	H853	consume	H853	thine	eyes
H3615				H5869			H109
and	all	the	H4768	increase	H1004	of	thine
						house	house
						shall	die
						And	the
						the	man
						H376	

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