

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

אֲנָשִׁים: לא H376	אֲנָשִׁים: לא H3808	אֲכַר יֵת of thine whom I shall not cut off H3772	לִךְ H0	מֵעַם H5973	מִזְבִּחִי from mine altar H4196
לְכָל זֶה shall be to consume H3615	אֶת H853	עֵינֵי יָךְ thine eyes H5869	וְלֹאֲדַיִב and to grieve H109	אֶת H853	בִּפְשֵׁךְ thine heart H5315
וְכָל H3605	אֲנָשִׁים: and all the increase H4768	בֵּיתְךָ of thine house H1004	יָמָיו shall die H4191	אֲנָשִׁים: And the man H376	