Elkanah: Mr. Dependable

Intro:

    A. Text: I Samuel 1 and 2

    B. In the above text, the subject of our study is certainly overshadowed by his remarkable wife, Hannah. She has been and always will be heralded as a powerful example of a godly woman and mother.

    C. But, have you ever considered God's servant Elkanah.

    D. A search of the Scriptures in I Chronicles 6 shows us that Elkanah was a _____. Reconciling this information with I Samuel helps us understand that he would have lived in a city designated for the _____ in the territory dedicated to one of the _____ of Israel.

    E. We are informed that the city was Ramathaim-zophim in Ephraim. This is the same city referred to as _____, (I Sam. 1:9 and 2:11) where Samuel would later live. (I Sam. 9:18-19).

    F. Today, let us consider what amazing lessons we can learn from this godly man.

    G. God could depend on Elkanah to...............

I.   _____

    A. I Sam. 1:3

    B. He did this on a regular basis

    C. He did this even in less than _____ circumstances.

    D. Notice, who was officiating as the priests. _____ and _____.

    E. He recognized his responsibility to God and came to worship regardless of who was officiating at the time. He did not let others dictate his faithfulness nor diminish his joy in worship!

II.   _____

    A. I Sam. 1:4-5

    B. His actions were such that he tried to comfort her.

    C. He loved her despite the realization that he was not enough for her.

III.   _____

    A. I Sam. 1:3, 7, 21

    B. He _____ his family in:

        1. _____- See above text

        2. _____- I Sam. 1:23

        3. _____- I Sam. 1:25; 2:11

Conclusion: