

1 & 2 Samuel Series

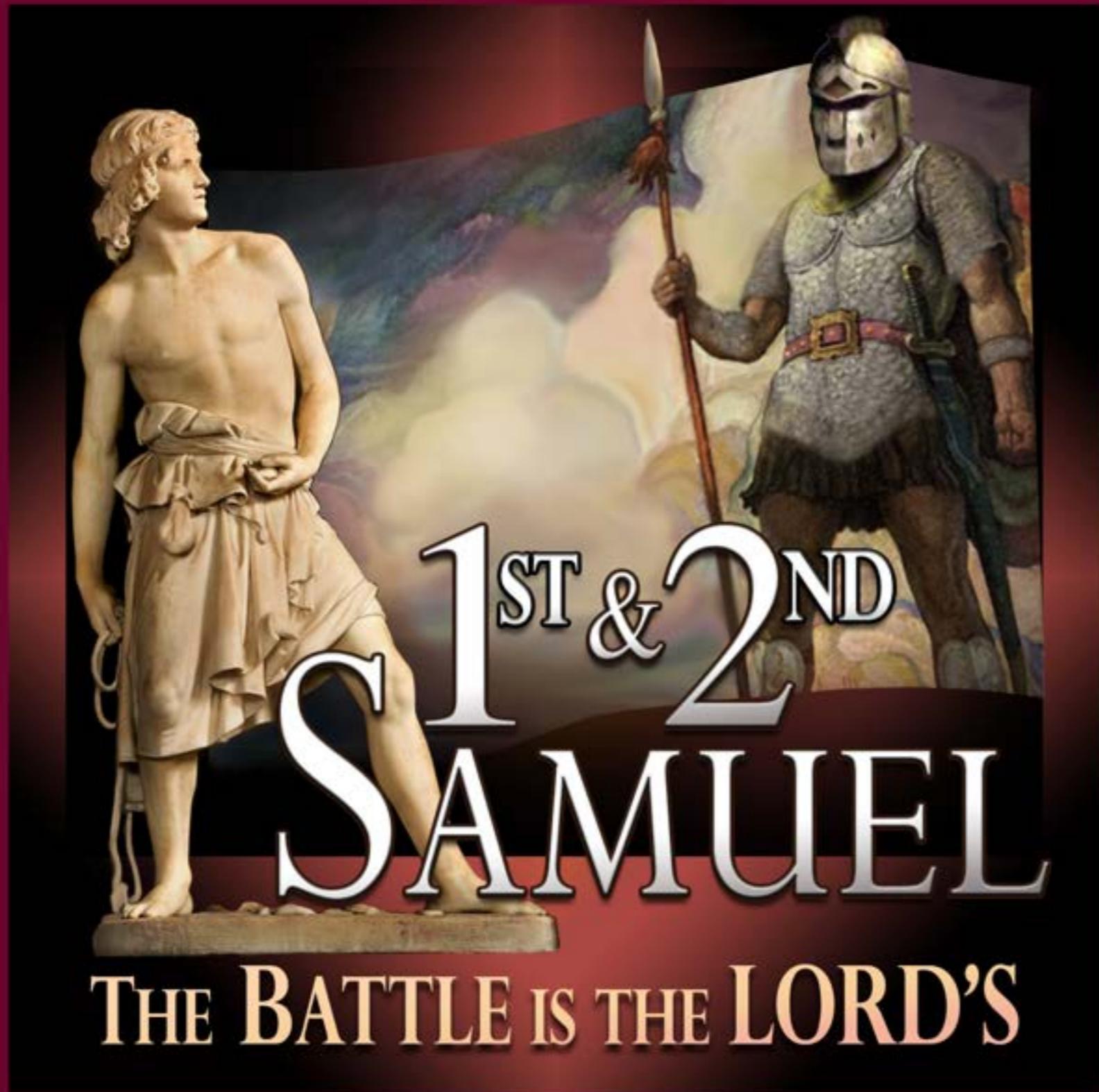
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GOD CONTROLS HISTORY
1 SAMUEL 1-7

1 Samuel

Samuel
Prophet,
Priest,
Judge

1 7

Saul

Rise

Decline

David's Rise

8 15 16 31

1 Sam. 7:15, “And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

1 Sam. 7:16, “He went from year to year on a circuit to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah, and judged Israel in all those places.

1 Sam. 7:17, “But he always returned to Ramah, for his home was there. There he judged Israel, and there he built an altar to the LORD.”

Jephthah, 1150–1100 BC

Samson, ca. 1123–1084 BC

Samuel, ca. 1115–1020 BC

1124 BC

1106 BC

Saul, 1075–1010

**Ammonite
Oppression**
(Transjordan)

1084 BC 1050 BC

**Philistine
Oppression**
(Cisjordan)

**Battle of
Aphek**
ca. **1104 BC**
(1 Sam. 4)

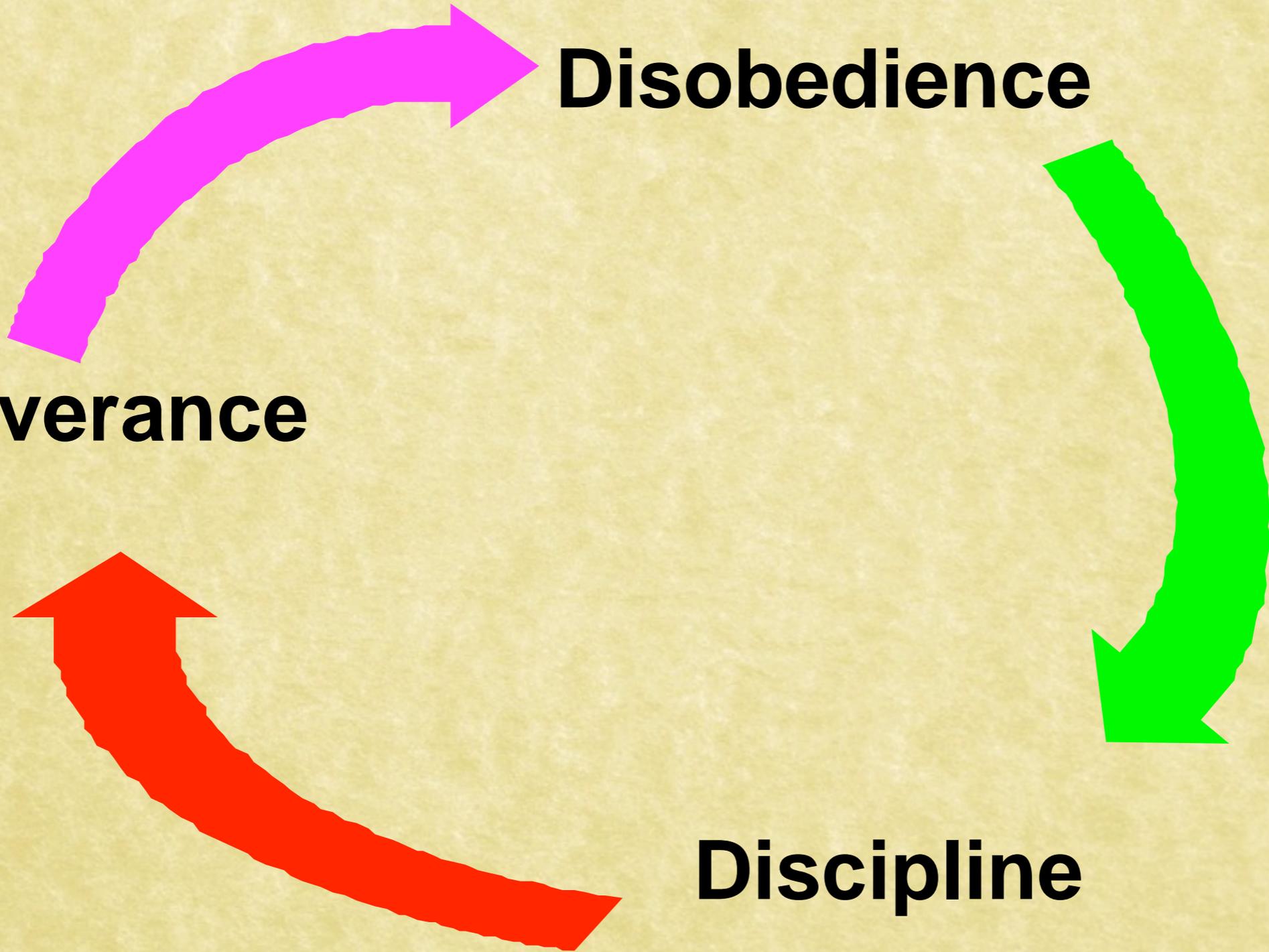
**Battle of
Mizpah**
ca. **1084 BC**
(1 Sam. 7:11)

The Cycles of the Judges

Disobedience

Deliverance

Discipline



I. God's preparation to deliver the nation Israel from her enemies by grace.

1 Sam. 1–7

II. God establishes the office of the king.

1 Sam. 8–15

III. God decreases the influence of Saul, and increases David.

1 Sam. 16–2 Sam. 1

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- 2. The Lord prepares Israel for a new era by blessing the family of Hannah and beginning to judge the House of Eli (1 Sam. 2:12–36).**
- 3. The Lord initiates Samuel's role as prophet to Israel (1 Sam. 3:1–22).**
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Elkanah



Eli



Hannah



Peninah



Hophni



Phinehas

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What do we learn about:

God

Man

Salvation

Problem solving

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What do we learn about:

GOD:

Faithful, Our Rock (Lam. 3:21–23; Psa. 36:5; Psa. 89:1; 1 Sam. 2:2);

God is working out His plan (1 Sam. 2:3–7; Deut. 18:15, 18 w/ John 1:25, Acts 3:22);

Unique (1 Sam. 2:1);

Executes justice (1 Sam. 2:9–10);

He will provide a King Messiah (1 Sam. 2:10).

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What do we learn about: GOD

God cares about our afflictions:

**Psa. 22:24; Psa. 40:17; Psa. 72:12;
Psa. 56:8; Psa. 119:50)**

God's grace is sufficient.

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What do we learn about: MAN

Depraved (Peninah, Eli, Hophni, Phinehas)

Dependent

Destructive, but

A positive, trusting believer can change the course of a nation.

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**What do we learn about:
SALVATION**

Man is unable to deliver himself from temporal or eternal adversity.

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What do we learn about: Problem Solving

Problem solving: Circumstances, people, and systems can create numerous difficulties. The solution is always trust in God.

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1 Sam. 2:25, “ ‘If one man sins against another, God will judge him. But if a man sins against the LORD, who will intercede for him?’ Nevertheless they did not heed the voice of their father, because the LORD desired to kill them.”

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God raised up a leader, and pronounced judgment on the house of Eli, 1 Sam. 2:27–36.

God's judgment can be terrible.

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What do we learn about: GOD

1 Sam. 2:34, “Now this shall be a sign to you that will come upon your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they shall die, both of them.

1 Sam. 2:35, “Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever.”

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What do we learn about: MAN

Humans often think they can get away with evil and destruction, but God will bring all things to account.

**A reminder of Divine Institution #1:
Human responsibility**

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What do we learn about: SALVATION

God's plan of deliverance from temporal adversity may take time.

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God promised to raise up a “faithful priest” (1 Sam. 2:35).

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What do we learn about: PROBLEM-SOLVING

Learning to wait on the Lord in difficult circumstances.

3. The Lord initiates Samuel's role as prophet to Israel (1 Sam. 3:1–22).

What do we learn about: GOD

What God speaks in private, He validates in public or with additional witnesses.

God trains the future leaders.

God validated Samuel's leadership.

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What do we learn about: MAN

Prov. 29:18, cf., 1 Sam. 3:1

**“Where there is no vision,
[revelation]
the people perish [‘run wild’]:
but he that keepeth the law, happy
is he.”**

4. The Lord causes Israel to be defeated, allows the Ark to be captured, so the house of Eli can be judged (1 Sam. 4:1–22).

What do we learn about: GOD

God is not under human control.

God is not predictable, unless it is based on His Word.

God fulfills His Word.

4. The Lord causes Israel to be defeated, allows the Ark to be captured, so the house of Eli can be judged (1 Sam. 4:1–22).

What do we learn about: MAN

Human beings are prone to self-reliance, not God dependence.

Human beings are prone to religious superstition.

Sometimes, what appears to be a defeat to us, is necessary, to train us for the future victory.

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What do we learn about: GOD

God can take care of Himself (and has a great sense of humor).

God is no respecter of persons, Acts 10:34.

God is Holy; and must be treated as such, Lev. 11:44–45; Psa. 86:2; 1 Pet. 1:16.

Both Israel and the Philistines learned a lesson.

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What do we learn about: GOD

God can control the circumstances (getting Himself home).

God is faithful to His Word and when Israel turned to Him, He delivered them.

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What do we learn about: MAN

Man has to learn that He cannot out-manuever God. His false gods and erroneous philosophies cannot provide truth.

Judg. 16:23, "Our god has delivered into our hands Samson ..."

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**What do we learn about:
PROBLEM-SOLVING**

Israel could do nothing to rescue God. They had to finally learn to wait on the Lord.

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**What do we learn about:
PROBLEM-SOLVING**

**Israel learned to change course
(repent, turn back to the Lord).**

**When they followed God's
directives, God delivered them.**

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by
flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount—I'm fixed upon it—
mount of Thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer—
hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to
arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger
wand'ring from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger interposed
His precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm
constrained to be!**

**Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my
wand'ring heart to Thee:**

**Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to
leave the God I love; here's my heart—O
take and seal it;**

Seal it for Thy courts above.