

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 3: 5-6

New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 2: 8-10

Sermon Based on Old Testament Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:
10-28

Message Title: Let's Make A Deal

- 1) Game Show of same name – Monty Hall was host**
- 2) People showed up in all kinds of outfits trying to “make a deal”**
- 3) It is human nature to try to make our best deals on automobiles, homes, etc**
- 4) However, DO WE TRY TO MAKE DEALS WITH GOD???**
- 5) Have you ever prayed that IF you passed a test, ETC, you would be a better Christian?**
- 6) Maybe go to church more often?, Tithe More?, Take an active role in your church?**
- 7) The scripture talks about PRAYERS ANSWERED AND KEEPING COMMITMENTS**

- 8) This is one of my favorite stories from my childhood –
The Story of Samuel**
- 9) However, today we want to focus on his mother Hannah**
- 10) She prayed that she would have a child – God heard her**
- 11) Hannah promised that she would give her child to the Lord all his days**
- 12) Hannah fulfilled her promise – once Samuel was old enough he was taken to the temple to live with Eli**
- 13) In our New Testament Lesson – it reflects back to Abraham – we know that he and his wife Sarai were childless – However, at their advanced ages God promised them a child**
- 14) Abraham went so far as to take his beloved son Isaac up on the mountain and was obedient to God – he fulfilled his promise**
- 15) Think about Baptism, confirmation, marriage, etc.**
- 16) DO WE KEEP OUR PROMISES?**
- 17) Those that are parents promise to bring their child up in the church and the way of the Lord;**

- 18) Confirmation – we promise to be faithful to the church and support it with our talents and gifts**
- 19) Marriage – to love and honor one another – in sickness & health**
- 20) This week we will celebrate our Nations' Independence**
- 21) Have we kept our promises after being so richly blessed?**
- 22) The threat of taking off “In God We Trust” on our currency**
- 23) My 2nd Grade Teacher – We Promised to Go to Sunday School & Church**
- 24) GOD HAS PROMISED US ETERNAL LIFE IF WE REPENT OF OUR SINS AND ACCEPT JESUS AS OUR SAVIOUR.**
- 25) THIS IS THE GREATEST PROMISE OF ALL – LET'S PROMISE OUR HEAVENLY FATHER THAT WE WILL BE OBEDIENT TO HIM AND WILL STRIVE TO LIVE A GODLY LIFE.**

Amen