SUN GROVE CHURCH

Get Your God Out Of A Box

Background:

Eli, Hophni and Phinehas: (1 Samuel 2:12-29)

- 1. STOLE from the Lord's offering.
- 2. <u>SEXUAL IMMORALITY</u> at the Tabernacle. Did not listen to <u>THEIR FATHER'S CORRECTION</u>.
- 3. Eli honored HONORED HIS KIDS more than GOD.

Samuel: (1 Samuel 1:27)

4. DEDICATED to God.

The Ark of the Covenant:

5. Represented the PRESENCE & POWER of God.

<u>Battle</u>: (1 Samuel 4:1-4)

- 1. Israel is <u>DEFEATED</u>. <u>4,000</u> killed.
- 2. Israel's Plan: GO GET THE ARK.

Battle Part 2: (1 Samuel 4:5-22)

- 1. Israel is <u>DEFEATED</u>. <u>30,000</u> killed.
- 2. The Ark of God: <u>CAPTURED</u>.
- 3. Hophni and Phinehas <u>DEAD</u>. Eli <u>DEAD</u>.
- 4. Ichabod = The presence of the Lord has <u>DEPARTED</u>.

New Way to Do Things: (1 Samuel 7:2-13)

- 1. Got rid of their **IDOLS**.
- 2. Confessed their SINS.
- 3. Depended upon God ALONE.
- 4. The result: VICTORY & PEACE.