

“Eli’s Family”

1 Samuel 2:12-36

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This morning/afternoon, we’d like to see the title of “Eli’s Family” in the book of 1 Samuel 2:12-36

Q1. In this chapter, what are the sins of Eli’s sons? (17”abohorred the offering of the Lord”;22 “lay with the women at the door of the tabernacle”)

Q2. In this chapter, what is the sin of Eli? (29 “honor your sons more than Me”)

Q3. In verse 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,*” what is “My anointed”?

(Background)

After getting Hannah’s son, Samuel, she prayed to worship God, verses 1-2 “And Hannah prayed and said: “My heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation. ²“No one is holy like the LORD, For *there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God.*”

And Verse 11, “Then Elkanah went to his house at Ramah. But the child ministered to the LORD before Eli the priest.” (Elkanah – Samuel’s father)

¹² Now the sons of Eli were corrupt; they did not know the LORD. ¹³ And the priests’ custom with the people was that when any man offered a sacrifice, the priest’s servant would come with a three-pronged fleshhook in his hand while the meat was boiling. ¹⁴ Then he would thrust it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; and the priest would take for himself all that the fleshhook brought up. So they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there.

¹⁵ Also, before they burned the fat, the priest’s servant would come and say to the man who sacrificed, “Give meat for roasting to the priest, for he will not take boiled meat from you, but raw.”

¹⁶ And if the man said to him, “They should really burn the fat first; then you may take as much as your heart desires,” he would then answer him, “No, but you must give it now; and if not, I will take it by force.”

¹⁷ Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before

12= corrupt [sons of Belial KJV]; not know the LORD. (they were trained up to know the Lord by Eli)

13= the priests’ custom (the sons were priests)

14= priest would take for himself (not for God in priority); to all the Israelites who came there (all the Israelites’ sacrifice meat offerings)

15= before they burned the fat (fat to God *Leviticus 3:3-5)

17=Q1= abhorred the offering of the LORD (Profane * Numbers

the LORD, for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

¹⁸ But Samuel ministered before the LORD, *even as* a child, wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ Moreover his mother used to make him a little robe, and bring it to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

²⁰ And Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “The LORD give you descendants from this woman for the loan that was given to the LORD.” Then they would go to their own home.

²¹ And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

²² Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. ²³ So he said to them, “Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all the people. ²⁴ No, my sons! For *it is* not a good report that I hear. You make the LORD’s people transgress. 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.

²⁶ And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the LORD and men.

²⁷ Then a man of God came to Eli and said to him, “Thus says the LORD: ‘Did I not clearly reveal Myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh’s house?’

²⁸ Did I not choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be My priest, to offer upon My altar, to burn incense, and to wear an ephod before Me? And did I not give to the house of your father all the offerings of the children of Israel made by fire? ²⁹ Why do you kick at My sacrifice and My offering which I have commanded *in My dwelling place*, and honor your sons more than Me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel My people? ³⁰ Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: ‘I said indeed *that* your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.’

But now the LORD says: ‘Far be it from Me; for those who

18:32) *James 3:1

18= a linen ephod (priestly robe; Eli’s assistant) 19= bring *it* to him year by year (Hannah’s faithful)

21= three sons and two daughters (unexpected blessings, in His time) faithful

22=Q1= they lay with the women (fornication)

23-25 (Eli scolded them) – Father (“train up” *Proverbs 22:6) + High Priest (“disqualify priesthood” * Numbers 15:30-31)

29=Q2 and honor your sons more than Me (idolatry); make yourselves fat with the best (you are getting fat off of the people)

31= cut off your arm and the arm of your father’s house * 1

honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.³¹ Behold, the days are coming that I will cut off your arm and the arm of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your house.³² And you will see an enemy *in My dwelling place, despite* all the good which God does for Israel. And there shall not be an old man in your house forever.³³ But any of your men *whom* I do not cut off from My altar shall consume your eyes and grieve your heart. And all the descendants of your house shall die in the flower of their age.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.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.³⁶ And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left in your house will come *and* bow down to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and say, "Please, put me in one of the priestly positions, that I may eat a piece of bread."'''

Kings 2:26-27 (Abiathar -> Zadok)

35=Q3= a faithful priest * 1Cor 4:1-2 (Zadok, high priest, the temple of Solomon); My anointed * 1 Samuel 2:10b; JC * Hebrews 5:9-10
36= (poor beggar position)

15= before they burned the fat (fat to God *Leviticus 3:3-5)

(Leviticus 3:3-5) Then he shall offer from the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire to the LORD. The fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that *is* on the entrails,⁴ the two kidneys and the fat that *is* on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove;⁵ and Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice, which *is* on the wood that *is* on the fire, *as* an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.

17=Q1= abhorred the offering of the LORD (Profane * Numbers 18:32) *James 3:1

(Numbers 18:32) And you shall bear no sin because of it, when you have lifted up the best of it. But you shall not profane the holy gifts of the children of Israel, lest you die.'''

(James 3:1) My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

23-25 (Eli scolded them) – Father ("train up" *Proverbs 22:6) + High Priest ("disqualify priesthood" * Numbers 15:30-31)

(Proverbs 22:6) Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.
(Numbers 15:30-31) 'But the person who does *anything* presumptuously, *whether he is* native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the LORD, and he shall be cut off from among his people.³¹ Because he has despised the word of the LORD, and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt *shall be* upon him.'''

31= cut off your arm and the arm of your father's house * 1 Kings 2:26-27 (Abiathar -> Zadok)

(1 Kings 2:26-27) And to Abiathar the priest the king said, "Go to Anathoth, to your own fields, for you *are* deserving of death; but I will not put you to death at this time, because you carried the ark of the Lord GOD before my father David, and because you were afflicted every time my father was afflicted."

²⁷ So Solomon removed Abiathar from being priest to the LORD, that he might fulfill the word of the LORD which He spoke concerning the house of Eli at Shiloh.

35=Q3= a faithful priest * 1Cor 4:1-2 (Zadok, high priest, the temple of Solomon); My anointed * 1 Samuel 2:10b; JC *Hebrews 5:9-10

(1 Corinthians 4:1-2) Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

(1 Samuel 2:10b) "He will give strength to His king, And exalt the horn of His anointed."

(Hebrews 5:9-10) And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, ¹⁰ called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek,"

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