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Assignment Question 2 1Samuel 1—3 (chapters 1, 2, and 3)

Eli was an important figure in the Old Testament, he served for forty years as the priest of the tabernacle at Shiloh, and he was well known for his kindness and wisdom. Eli was an important role model for the people of the time, teaching them how to live in a manner that was good or pleasing to God. In this written assignment, we will explore the life of Eli, focusing in particular on his interactions with the people of Israel, his strong faith in God, and his special relationship with young Samuel. Through examining the life of Eli, we can learn important lessons about faith and morality and other things that we can learn from him in our Christian walk.

In 1 Samuel 1-3, Hannah's prayer to the Lord has a big impact on Eli's life. The prayer also serves as a tool for Eli's transformation from a priest who didn't have a lot of faith, to one who was willing to trust in the Lord. Eli's shift in attitude is seen by his blessing of Hannah after hearing her prayer, as well as his recognition of the Lord's sovereignty in the birth of Samuel. The implications of Hannah's prayer are huge, as it not only provides a source of hope for Eli, but also serves as a reminder to the Israelites of the power of prayer, and the importance of having faith in the Lord's plans that never fail.

In 1 Samuel 1-3, Elis's life is dramatically transformed after he is made a judge in Israel. The transformation of Elis's life is seen in his increased presence in the public space and the prestige that occur with it. He is seen interacting with the people more, giving judgments on their disputes, and delivering wisdom. This prestige and public recognition is a major change from his previous life as a regular man. In conclusion, Elis's life is drastically changed after he is made a judge in 1 Samuel 1-3 and Ackerman argues that this transformation was an important theme in the narrative providing insight into how the role of a judge was seen.

The life of Eli in 1 Samuel 1–3 is one that clearly exemplifies faith and faithfulness to the Lord. Eli was a priest and judge, devoted to God and the people of Israel. He cared for Samuel who he saw as an instrument of the will of God, raising him as his own son and praying that God would fulfill his promise of sending a savior through him. For me, he is a good character. Even in his darkest days, Eli held onto his faith, persevered through his trial, and humbly welcomed frustration as a result of his son's disobedience. Eli serves as an invaluable example for us Christians that devoting our life to God is the correct path and that he accepts everyone even on the dark days.