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Eli was a Priest descendent of Levi, who served at the LORD's Temple at Shiloh together with his two wicked sons that were also priest. Eli and his house(family) was supposed to follow and observe God's commandments. Eli and his two sons did not obey God's commandments, instead, they just took advantage of their position and served as a stumbling block to the Israelites in their time. There are many reasons that show us how they did not obey God's commandments.

The first reason can be found in 1Sam 1:9-18. In this passage Eli misjudged Hannah. While Hannah was praying with sorrow and crying to God, Eli was sited close and saw her. She was praying but not in a loudly voice. He said to her "How long will you keep on getting drunk? Get rid of your wine" to what Hannah answered "Not so, my lord, I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer: I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman: I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." Eli thought that Hannah was drunk because she was crying.

The second reason can be found in 1Sam 2:12-17, when Eli permitted his sons and his helpers in the offering to ask for raw meat to roast of people's offerings, also they use to get from the boiling meat pot with a big fork anything they can and took it for them and if the offering's people did not agree, they will get it by force. This sin was a great sin on the eyes of God. Eli's sons did not care much about the ritual of the offering but about eating and di nor respect the in a not solemn and disorganized way.

A third reason can be found in 1Sam 2:22 "Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting". Eli rebuked them but his sons did not listen to him. It was something very bad in disobedience of God's commandments they were doing, that God put them to death. Eli was confronted by God through a man of God who remind him about what God has done to his father's house. In 1Sam 2:29 said, "Why do you scorn my sacrifice and offering that I prescribed for my dwelling? Why do you honor your sons more than me by fattening yourselves on the choice parts of every offering made by my people Israel? That is why the LORD terminated the promise that he had done in Numbers 18. And in 1Sam 2:30 " Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: 'I promised that your house and your father's house will minister me forever.' But now the LORD declares: 'Far be it from me! Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained."

Eli character was easy with his sons. He did not make sure his sons were doing the correct actions and fulling obeying God's commandments. I think God is a serious matter that we can no pretend to play with it our way. As a mother I feel kind of more kind worried now because it is not up to our kids, we have to make sure we teach the commandments to them as we are told in Deu 11:19 "Teach them (Commandments) to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lied down and when you get up". As parents we have a big responsibility to teach our kids the Law of Moses and about God.