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Eli was a kind man; he was a man who for all his priestly duties and privileges had reduced God in his heart and life. Eli was a Jewish priest, serving God in the tabernacle of Shiloh. The sons of Eli were two wicked person named Hophni and Phineas .These two do not obey the law, they do not serve God as their father .Eli was a good and wise man .One of the things good Eli did, because he did not want to sacrifice his son Samuel to the service of the Lord, even though Hannah had already given God a promise .The two sons of Eli stole the food offering by the people to God .When Eli heard that , he asked them why they were doing that to innocent people , sometimes they force them to give it .According to Eli they did not sin for the people instead to that they sin to the Lord ,and their acts will have a big consequences . Despite their father advice they continue to sin and God sent a servitor to share a message to Eli's family .God gave them a punishment, every man of Eli's family could not reach the age of old, additionally that day both of the sons die .Eli was considered has a good man, but not a good father because, he knew the sin of his sons but he did not restrain them (1sam3:13) How Hannah honor her promise?

Every year, Elkanah went to the temple with his family including Hannah started pray to the lord and begged him to give her a son and she promised her child for the service of God and she said she will never cut his hair. Hannah after all the humiliations received by the mother of Eli sons, because she could not gave birth. God gave her a son whom she called Samuel (God has granted) .And she decided to honor her promise by giving him in the tabernacle that served Eli for the consecration of God .Samuel remain at the service of God ,however God decided to blessed Hannah by giving her three sons and two daughters . The birth of Samuel was the plan of God to give Israel deliverance from their Philistine enemies .Samuel was considered like a savior who led people through his prophecies and Hannah received the love of God or his grace through the birth of Samuel.

Sometimes God let people put us down, humiliate us, spit on us because that is when he is going to raise us for his honor and for his glory, he will make the impossible become possible. Even though Eli was a priest he could not raise his sons well and lead them to the right path instead of that his sons ruined his life .Unfortunately Eli is own son did not have the same vision as their father. Parenting his big responsibility with a lot of consequences the best gift a parent could have given to their kids is to teach them the doctrine of God and so on; otherwise it is the parent who will pay the consequences. The life of Eli learn me how to take my responsibility whether one day I will become a parent , teach to the children the love of God ,always go to church with them ,and so they will have the fear of God and they will not do anything to dishonor God . The biggest lesson I have learn through the Samuel story is that the way Eli supervised Samuel at the tabernacle showed me he

took a huge lessons trough his wicked sons and he repaired them with Samuel by raising him differently.

To conclude the Story of Eli and his sons remains us the impotence of teaching the children the principle of Gospel of Jesus Christ and the huge consequences when a parents neglect his obligation or when the parents let the children raise by someone else .Separation, the lack of presence of one the parental member can also lead to the failure of a child. God is never late, the same way that he raised Hannah is head in front of people as Peninnah, he can do it for everyone who has faith on him .Hannah wanted a son and God gave her five other kids for her trust and her promise she kept.