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Chapter 3 explains the life of Samuel. Eli is married to two wives, Hannah that had no children, and Peninnah that had two sons, Hophni and Phineas. They were supposed to serve Lord, but apparently not doing well at this task. Hannah was praying to the Lord for a child, she had faith that he will help her. Hannah promises the Lord if she has a child, she will bring him to the Tabernacle to serve him. If we ask the Lord to serve us, we must serve him back. There is a phrase that defines that perfectly: “Give and it’s given”. The name Eli means high or elevated. Eli had two kids that were supposed to serve the lord, but they were not doing well. When Samuel came, he was being trained to serve the Lord and he started to do better than the others. Eli was being judged because he and his family were not honoring God the way they were supposed to. He was also not doing a good job as a parent and as a priest in the tabernacle. The kid's behavior was affecting people, and they were being considered immoral.

Eli did not listen to God and did not follow the rules that were given to him, so he started to be punished. Samuel literally came into his life to do the job that Eli and his family were not doing properly, and to punish him because of that. What was done by Eli was considered corrupt

by them and he was about to lose everything he had, his family, and his house. Samuel was a fast learner, and he was praising the lord since day one. He was a “Man of God”.

I would not say he is a bad person; everyone makes mistakes and deserves a second chance. But if he really used all the chances, he had the punishment will come eventually, that is what I call Karma. Do good and you will receive good, do bad and you will receive bad. But when we talk about God, we know how much he does for us and the least we can do is to serve him. It is hard for some people to understand that unfortunately, sometimes life tries to show different ways to do things and act in different but not everyone gets the point.

The story of Eli is very important for me because reminds me a little bit of how my story with God started. I was raised in the Catholic church, and I learned we could always for things at the church for God, but I do not remember thanking him for that. It took me a least 12 years to understand that it does not work like that. You can ask for things, but you must be thankful for what you have first. Things will come to you at the right time, sometimes God’s timing is different from ours. Once you start being thankful for the things you have and being positive about your life that’s when things start getting better.

When I changed my attitude toward God and started to appreciate more what I had which is what he gave to me, my life changed. I stopped asking and I started to say thank you. Today I don’t ask anymore, I say thank you for everything I have, and what I don’t have because I know if I want something he will give it to me when the time comes. His time, not my time. I had to learn that the hard way, in a moment I lost the person I loved also I was not close to my family members, which makes more difficult. I learned how to love myself first, then love God. When we were finally in the same vibration of positivity that’s when I started receiving and appreciating even more.

In conclusion, Eli was a guy that did not appreciate his chance with God. He did not teach his kids to appreciate as well, so he lost everything. That should teach us the lesson of appreciating more what we have, especially God's chances because they don't come often. If we don't follow life will teach us a better lesson, and It's called Karma.