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Writing Assignment 2

Eli was a priest of the Lord, it seemed as if he was a witness and kept watch of the activities in the temple of the Lord. He consulted with Hannah, Peninah and Elkanah in certain occurrences. Eli's sons knew not the Lord and they served belial which was the complete opposite of what Eli believed in and served. So while he served the Lord it was as if he neglected the fact to speak to his sons about the Lord so that they could possibly be converted.

Eli is a Faithful priest and keeper of the temple of the Lord from what I read in these first 3 Chapters. He even taught Samuel what to do and address the Lord when he called his name again. The bad thing that he did was honor his sons which were idolaters before the Lord and God pronounced his judgment upon Eli. Eli also saw that his sons were idolaters serving belial and he did not restrain them and it displeased the Lord. He allowed his sons to continue on in their iniquities.

I believe that Eli was a good man who just had some mess ups in his life just like all of us, But it is truly a lesson to be learned. In how to honor God and how not to dishonor him because Eli did both he honored God and then at the same time dishonored him at times. I learned that it is important to speak to those we know are in iniquity and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ because this is what we are called to do. The Lord speaks to us to speak to certain people but when we do not their blood will be upon our hands and we will be in disobedience.

I would also like to add that I was reminded not to put anything or anyone above the almighty God as Eli did with his sons. It kindled the wrath of God, as we know that God will share his glory with no other; he is a jealous God. For Eli to think that Hannah was drunk while she was praying in silence but only her lips were moving was a bit out of line for him to say that she was praying at the temple of the Lord. I would say that it was another bad thing that Eli had done. In closing I will say again that I don't think Eli was a bad person but a protector and shepherd of the Lord. Just his mistakes kept him from the Lord because certain things he had made the Lord to be at odds with him.