



Father's Day | June 21, 2026
Worship Service
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Questions God Asks: How Will You Respond?

Lesson Four • 1 Samuel 2:12-36

Why Do You Honor Your Sons Above Me?

God's Question: "Why do you honor your sons above Me?"

Parents have a responsibility to HONOR the Lord by correcting and restraining the wayward behavior of their children while they can.

Warning about the Tragedy of Passive Goodness

God will JUDGE the passiveness of Eli and the wickedness of his sons and raise up in their place a faithful leader for Israel.

Three Father's Day Lessons from the House of Eli

1. Passiveness Is the ENEMY of Establishing a Godly House!

Corruption in Eli's House

- Eli's sons were WORTHLESS men who did not know the Lord (v. 12).
- Eli's sons treated the offering of the Lord with CONTEMPT (v. 13-17).

2. God Holds PARENTS Responsible for Their Children's Conduct!

Passiveness in Eli's Leadership as Parent & Priest

- Eli KNEW about the perversity of his sons, but he did not restrain them (v. 22; 1 Samuel 3:13).

- Eli REBUKED his sons for their perversity, but he did not call them to repentance (v. 23-25).
- Eli was IGNORED by his sons, but he still did not remove them as priests (v. 25).

God's Charge Against Eli

Eli honored his SONS more than he honored the LORD; therefore, God rejected Eli's house from serving as priests in His house (v. 27-36).

3. Eventually CHILDREN Are Held Accountable by God for Their Own Choices!

Reality Parents Must Face with God's Grace

Parents, even if you live for God, your children may not FOLLOW the ways of God; so pray they will respond to God's grace in Jesus (v. 34; 1 Sam. 3:13; 1 Sam. 4:10-11).

Takeaway for Dads

Honor GOD above yourself and above your children, and He will honor you.

*"For those who honor Me I will honor, but those who despise Me will be disgraced."
1 Samuel 2:30 CSB*

*"Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all His statutes and His commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. Hear, O Israel."
Deuteronomy 6:1-4*