

1-2 SAMUEL: THE ROLE OF A PROPHET

The Fall of the House of Eli 1 Samuel 2.11-36

1. When you were growing up, were you the bully, or the one being bullied? Explain.
2. How did Eli's sons corrupt their priestly duties? See Leviticus 7.22-36? Why does Eli fail to address the sins of his sons?
3. Why does Hannah continue to make clothes for Samuel? How does their relationship compare with that between Eli and his sons?
4. Are you living in a way that makes it easy for God to bless you?
5. What would you call Eli's response to his sons in v23-25? Why? What should he have done?
6. What are some sacred things that you are dismissive of? Where do you see it in our culture?
7. Have you ever been tempted to abuse a position of power? Who holds you accountable in that area?
8. Is there an area in your life where you may have been warned by God but you are not listening?
9. Eli honors his sons instead of God. Where in your life might you be choosing to honor someone else or yourself over God? What conversations do you need to have?
10. How might you indulge yourself when no one can see you? What sin are you the most skillful at justifying to others?