



*Fathers Make A Difference*  
June 18, 2023 ~Father's Day  
1 Samuel 1 – 4  
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### **Introducing Eli.**

Highlights of what we know about him.

### **The bad news: God judges and disciplines sin.**

1. The challenge of Eli's sons. (2:12-17, 22-25)
2. Eli's neglect. (2:23-24; 3:13)
3. God's judgment. (2:27-36; 3:11-14; 4:1-11, 17-18)

### **The good news: God blesses faithfulness.**

1. Eli's faithfulness. (1:9-18; 2:18-21; 3:16-18)
2. God's blessing. (2:33, compare Hebrews 6:10; 3:19-20; see also Psalm 99:6; Acts 3:24)

## In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

**Monday.** While we didn't look at it yesterday, read Hannah's great praise-prayer in 1 Samuel 2:1-10 after she left young Samuel with Eli, fulfilling her promise to God. What does this prayer tell you about God, and about Hannah?

**Tuesday.** Review the challenges Eli had as a father to his two sons (2:11-17, 22-25). As priests they had considerable training in God's truth as well as the importance and role of being a priest. Think about how this troubled Eli (2:25). Also think about Eli's neglect and lessons that has for us (2:23-24; 3:14).

**Wednesday.** Accounts of God's discipline and judgment can be unpleasant to read, so it is here. Read 2:27-36, 3:11-14, 4:1-11 and 17-18. What principles, lessons are revealed here?

**Thursday.** With his failings Eli also had times and areas of faithfulness to God. Review the passages on this listed in the outline, and also God's blessings for his faithfulness. Remember, this truth applies to you, and to all believers. Thank God for it.

**Friday – Saturday.** On Sunday we plan to return to our series in the gospel of John with *Jesus in Action* from 6:1-21. Read and think through this section in preparation for our time together.