

# *My Way or God's Way?*

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Let us pray with intentionality



# Hannah's Prayer



# 1 Samuel 2:12

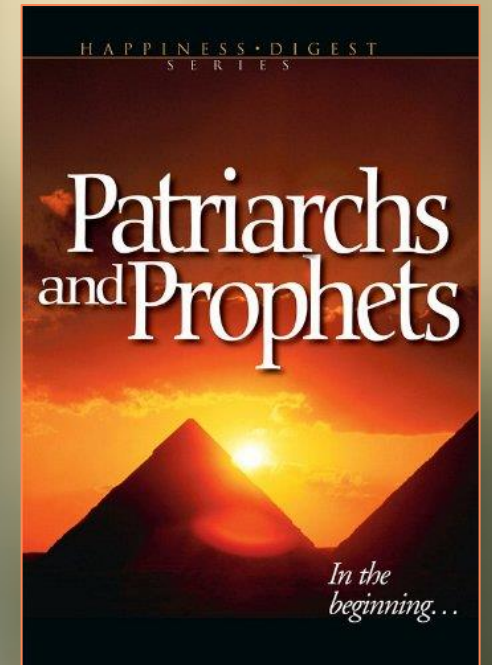
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Now the sons of Eli *were* corrupt; they did not know the LORD.

# Patriarchs and Prophets P. 575.1

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But Eli shrank from this duty, because it involved crossing the will of his sons, and would make it necessary to punish and deny them. Without weighing the terrible consequences that would follow his course, he indulged his children in whatever they desired and neglected the work of fitting them for the service of God and the duties of life.





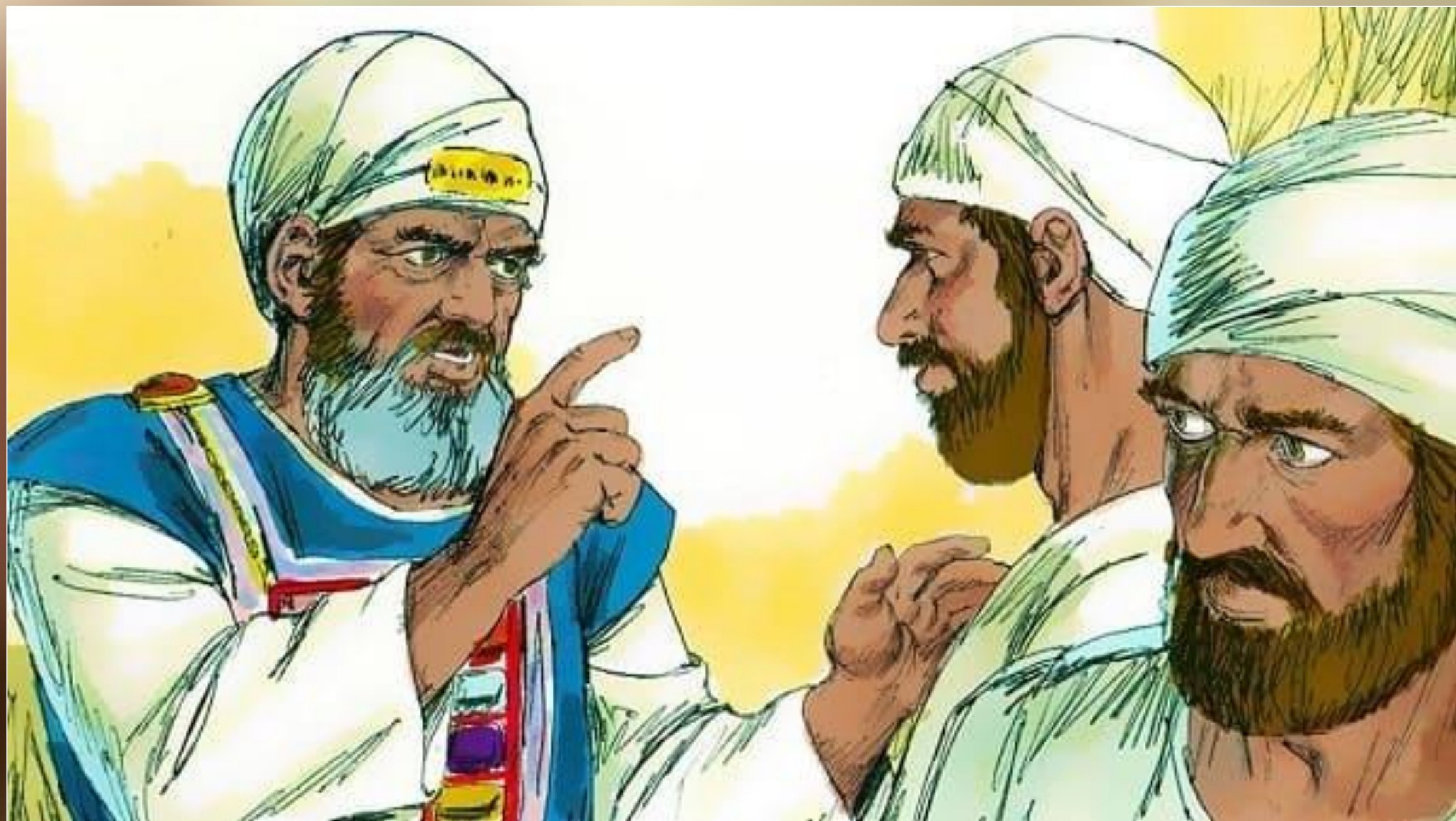


# Abraham VS Eli

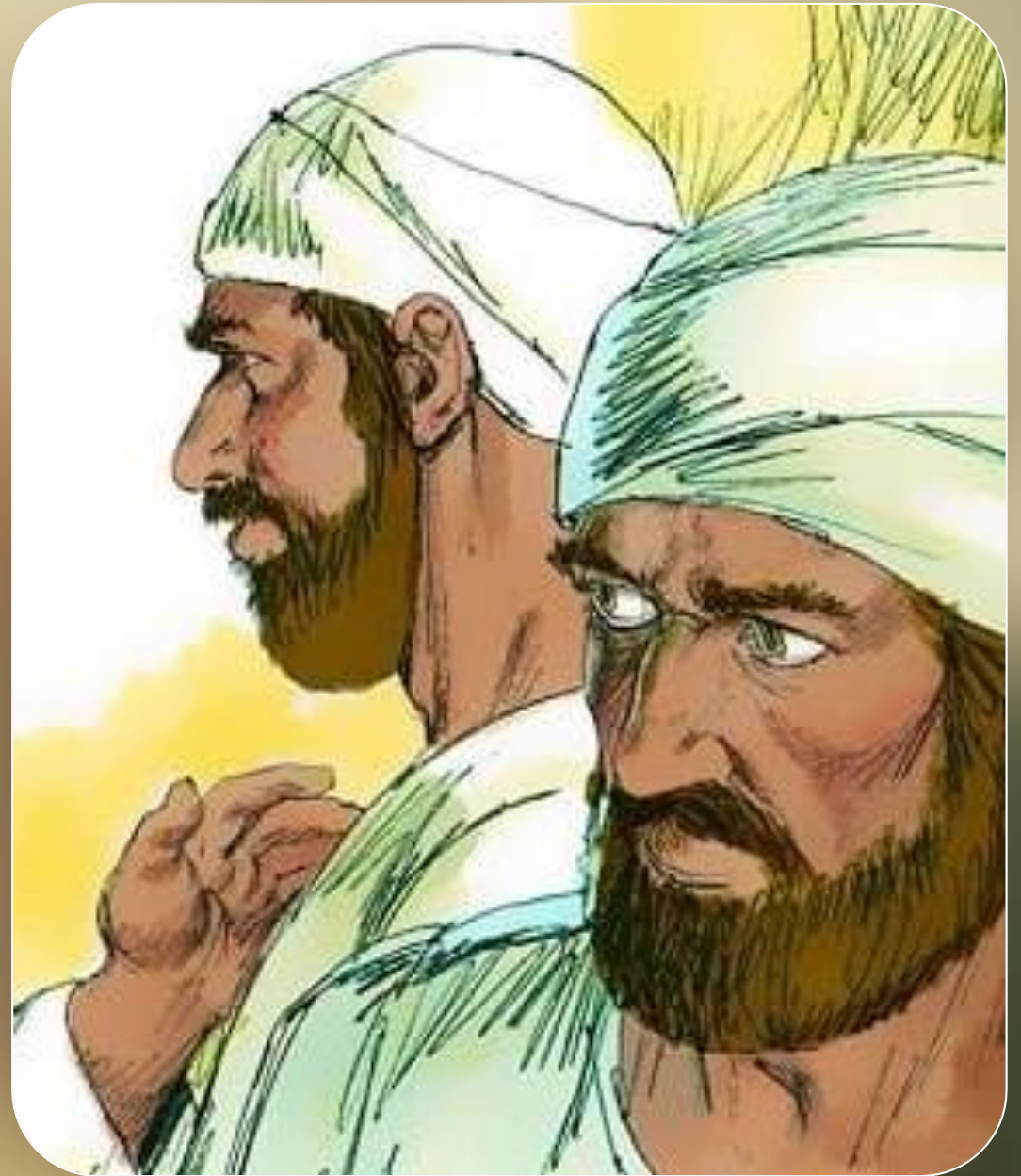


**For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD ~**

*Genesis 18:19*



**Though wholly unfit for the office, they were placed as priests in the sanctuary to minister before God.**



# 1 Samuel 2:13-14

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<sup>13</sup>And the priests' custom with the people *was that* when any man offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come with a three-pronged fleshhook in his hand while the meat was boiling.

<sup>14</sup>Then he would thrust *it* into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; and the priest would take for himself all that the fleshhook brought up. So they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there.

# 1 Samuel 2:15-16

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<sup>15</sup> Also, before they burned the fat, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who sacrificed, "Give meat for roasting to the priest, for he will not take boiled meat from you, but raw."

<sup>16</sup> And *if* the man said to him, "They should really burn the fat first; *then* you may take *as much* as your heart desires," he would then answer him, "**No, but you must give *it* now; and if not, I will take *it* by force.**"



They continued to pollute by their presence the tabernacle of God.

# 1 Samuel 2:17

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Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD, for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

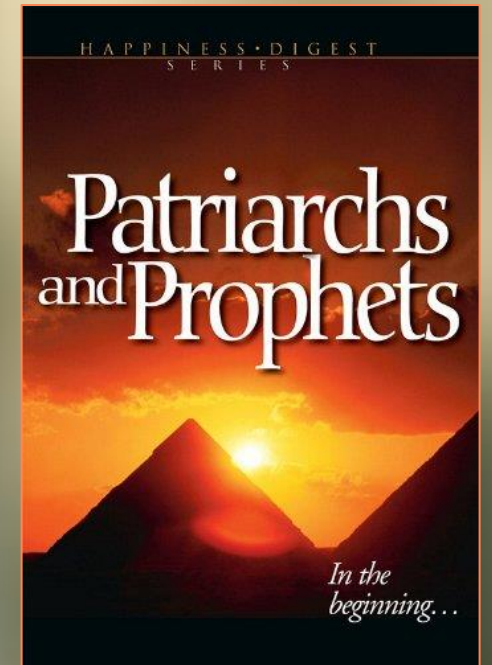




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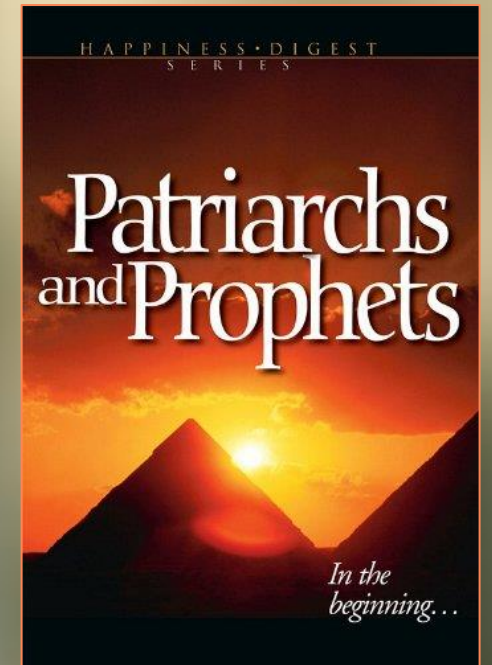
Eli had greatly erred in permitting his sons to minister in holy office. By excusing their course, on one pretext and another, he became blinded to their sins; but at last **they reached a pass where he could no longer hide his eyes from the crimes of his sons...**




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**Had Eli dealt justly with his wicked sons, they would have been rejected from the priestly office and punished with death. Dreading thus to bring public disgrace and condemnation upon them, he sustained them in the most sacred positions of trust. He still permitted them to mingle their corruption with the holy service of God and to inflict upon the cause of truth an injury which years could not efface. But when the judge of Israel neglected his work, God took the matter in hand.**



The image features a silhouette of a woman and a young child standing in a field of tall grass at sunset. The woman is on the left, holding the child's hand. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

# Hannah's Giving VS Eli's Giving

# 1 Samuel 2:19-20

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**<sup>19</sup> Moreover his mother used to make him a little robe, and bring *it* to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.**

**<sup>20</sup> And Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “The LORD give you descendants from this woman for the loan that was given to the LORD.” Then they would go to their own home.**

# 1 Samuel 2:21

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**And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile the child Samuel grew before the LORD.**



# 1 Samuel 2:22

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**Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.**



Sin at the door... LITERALLY



# 1 Samuel 2:25

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**If one man sins against another, God will judge him. But if a man sins against the LORD, who will intercede for him?” Nevertheless they did not heed the voice of their father, because the LORD desired to kill them.**



A disappointed father and an  
angry God

# Samuel VS Hophni and Phineas



1 Samuel 2:26

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**And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the LORD and men.**



# 1 Samuel 2:28

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**Did I not choose him out of all the tribes of Israel *to be* My priest, to offer upon My altar, to burn incense, and to wear an ephod before Me? And did I not give to the house of your father all the offerings of the children of Israel made by fire?**



# 1 Samuel 2:29

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**Why do you kick at My sacrifice and My offering which I have commanded *in My* dwelling place, and honor your sons more than Me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel My people?’**



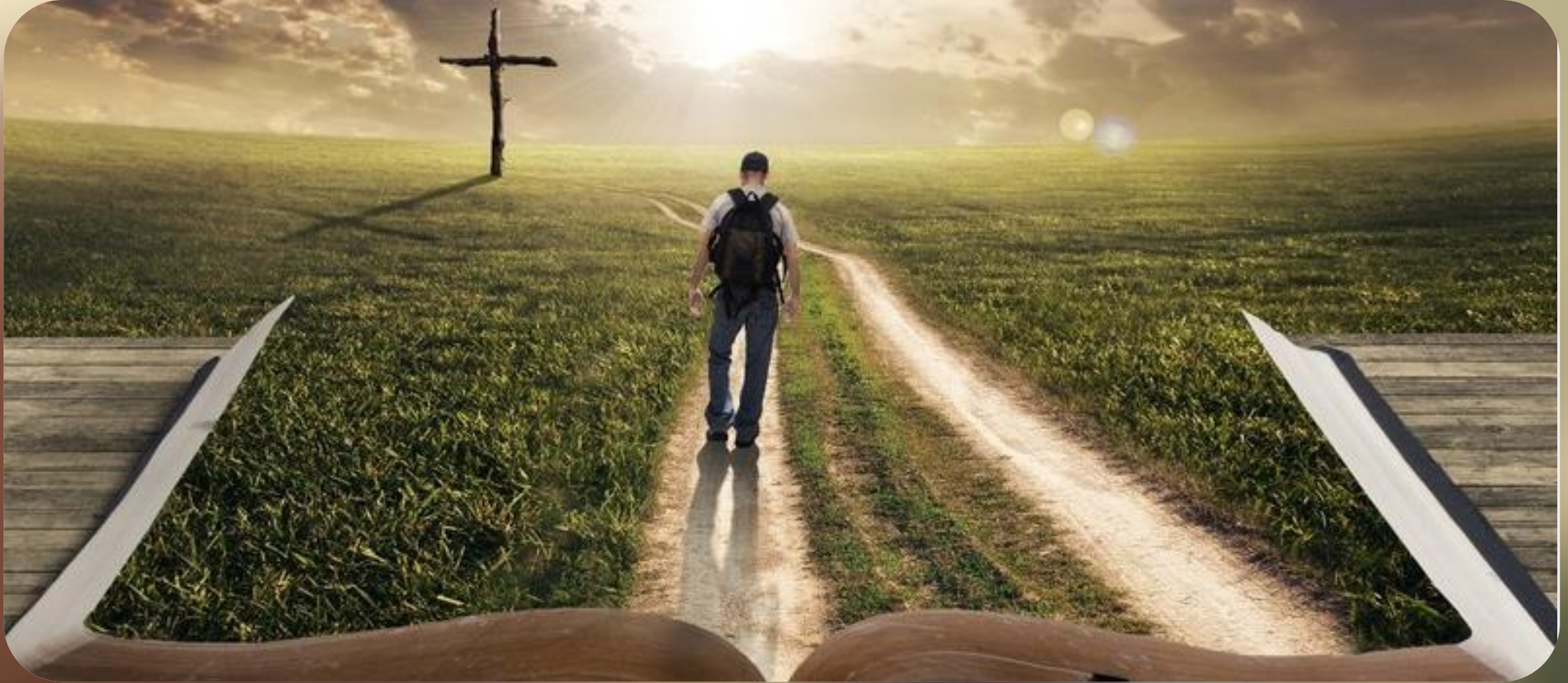
**God is  
disappointed  
with Eli and holds  
him  
accountable.**



# 1 Samuel 2:30

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**Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: 'I said indeed *that* your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the LORD says: 'Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.'**



**Those who honor God,  
God will honor**

# 1 Samuel 2:33-34

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**<sup>33</sup> But any of your men *whom* I do not cut off from My altar shall consume your eyes and grieve your heart. And all the descendants of your house shall die in the flower of their age.**

**<sup>34</sup> Now this *shall be* a sign to you that will come upon your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they shall die, both of them.**

# Eli's painful prophecy







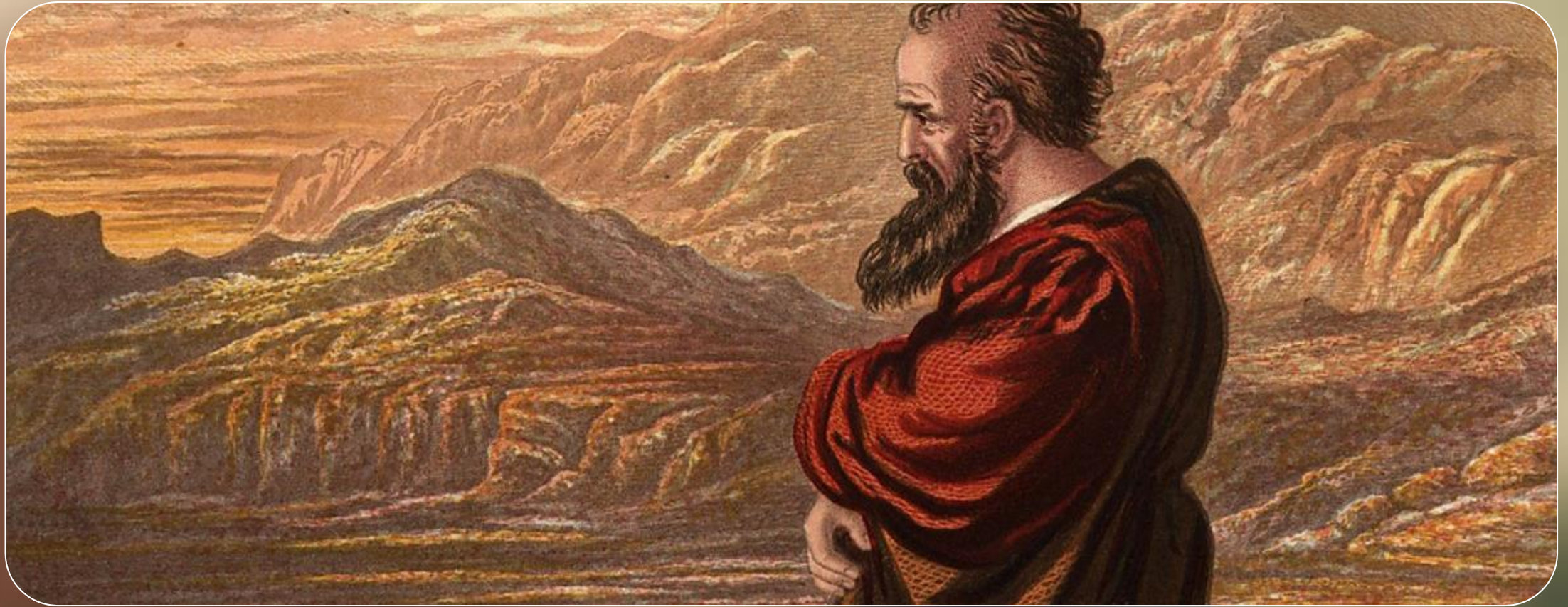
**Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ~ 2 Cor. 5:20**

# 1 Samuel 2:35

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**Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest *who* shall do according to what *is* in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever.**





Samuel the Faithful Priest

# 1 Peter 2:9

But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;





Closing Hymn - #633  
When We All Get to  
Heaven

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