

Sermon Application Study

May 11, 2025

Target Passage → 1 Samuel 2:12-26

1. Explain what Eli's sons were doing wrong and why that behavior is such an affront to the Lord. How does their position make this sin especially egregious?
2. How are Samuel and his family contrasted with Eli's family? What does this teach us about true, good spiritual leadership?
3. Why wouldn't Eli's sons listen to their father and change their behavior? Explain the theology.
4. How does this passage serve as both a warning to spiritual leaders and guidance for how to find good spiritual leadership?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Deuteronomy 18:1-8, Luke 2:41-52, 1 Peter 5:1-3

For Me →

1. Have you experienced, or seen others experience, spiritual abuse? Explain how the abuse was spiritual in nature.
2. Have you experienced really good spiritual leadership? Describe it. How did you know you were being led well?

For the Mission →

A lot of people who reject the gospel do so because of legitimately bad spiritual abuse in their past. How can faithful Christians today help those who have been spiritually abused to see and consider the true gospel?

PRAYER FOCUS

Thank the Lord for his provision of good, humble, Christ-like spiritual leaders. Pray for those you know who faithfully lead, whether at Calvary or elsewhere.