

1 Samuel 2 Lessons and Principles

- 1) Hannah showed a depth of commitment and love for God that may humble us. On the day she made the biggest sacrifice of her life she **rejoices in the LORD**. No matter what we give up for the Lord, "Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again rejoice (Philippians 4:4)!"
- 2) Pride can be expressed in many ways, but it usually is expressed by our words. It would be better if proud people just did not talk so much. – "A man's **pride** will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor (Prov.29:23)." Talk less and listen more.
- 3) We should be humble before God because He knows how to exalt the weak. If we are weak or in a low place now we should wait humbly before God and let Him lift us up ([Luke 14:7-11](#)).
- 4) **They did not know the LORD**: Even though their father Eli knew the LORD that knowledge was not passed on genetically to his sons. They had to personally know the LORD for themselves. How do we get to know the Lord, through Bible study, and hearing His Word proclaimed.
- 5) The greatness of the sin of Eli's sons was clear because through their greed, violence, and intimidation they made others not want to come and bring offerings to the LORD. It was bad enough what they themselves did; but the greater sin of Eli's sons was in how they hurt other people. "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea (Matt. 18:6)."
- 6) "The Lord visited Hannah." Keep your commitments to the Lord and He will bless you. He gave Hannah three more sons and two daughters.
- 7) Eli's method of correcting his sons' behavior was just to talk and whine about what they did wrong. Parents would be better off to yell less, lecture less, and take sensible action more often when correcting children "A Little Less Talk and a Lot More Action" – Toby Kieth
- 8) "Those who honor me I will honor (1 Sam. 2:30)." Always honor the Lord in all that we do and say, and in our actions and He will honor you.