



Mega Transitions - *My Three Sons*

Message to Conversation Guide

I. In reality Eli the Priest had **three sons**.

1 Sam 1:3-4

3 Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the Lord Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the Lord. NIV

1 Sam 1:11

11 And she made a vow, saying, "O Lord Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." NIV

1 Sam 1:21-22

21 When the man Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vow, 22 Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, "After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the Lord, and he will live there always." NIV

1 Sam 1:26-28

26 and she said to him, "As surely as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. 27 I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. 28 So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there. NIV

II. It is possible to be raised around Spiritual things and not to **know** the Lord.

1 Sam 2:11-12

11 Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under Eli the priest. 12 Eli's sons were wicked men; **they had no regard for the Lord.** NIV

1 Sam 2:11-12

11 Then Elkanah went home to Ramah. And the boy ministered to the Lord in the presence of Eli the priest. Eli's Worthless Sons

12 Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. **They did not know the Lord.** ESV

Matt 7:21-23

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 **Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?'** 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' NIV

III. Eli failed to **judge** his sons, but God was faithful to **judge** his sons.

1 Sam 2:22-25

22 Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. 23 **So he said to them,** "Why do you do such things? I hear from all the people about these wicked deeds of yours. 24 No, my sons; it is not a good report that I hear spreading among the Lord's people. 25 If a man sins against another man, God may mediate for him; but if a man sins against the Lord, who will intercede for him?" His sons, however, did not listen to their father's rebuke, for it was the Lord's will to put them to death. NIV

1 Sam 2:29

29 Why do you scorn my sacrifice and offering that I prescribed for my dwelling? Why do you honor your sons more than me by fattening yourselves on the choice parts of every offering made by my people Israel?' NIV

1 Sam 2:34

34 "'And what happens to your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, will be a sign to you — they will both die on the same day. NIV

1 Sam 3:13-14

13 For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons made themselves contemptible, and he failed to restrain them. 14 Therefore, I swore to the house of Eli, 'The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.'" NIV

Heb 12:7-11

7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. **For what son is not disciplined by his father?** 8 If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! 10 Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. NIV