



Introduction

Hannah's thanksgiving and the contrast between Eli's sons and Samuel..



Questions

1. What does Hannah say about how we should speak?
2. Which consecutive verses show the contrast between Eli's sons and Samuel?
3. How often does Samuel see his parents?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 11** Hannah's prayer of thanksgiving for the birth of Samuel. Elkanah returns home leaving Samuel with Eli
- **v 12 to 17** The sons of Eli flagrantly abuse the privilege of being the sons of the priest
- **v 18 to 21** Samuel continues to minister in the temple and Hannah is blessed with five more children
- **v 22 to 26** Eli reprimands his sons for ignoring God (see theme)
- **v 27 to 36** A prophet tells Eli that God will reject him and his family and descendants. His two sons will both die in one day. He tells him that God will provide a more faithful priest

Timeline 1050 BC (see below)



Theme

We are inclined to bad ways

A selection of verses showing that naturally our thoughts and actions tend to be in bad ways.

The prophet Jeremiah spells out our problem:

Jeremiah 17 verse 9

The Lord Jesus echoes the same sentiments:

Mark 7 verses 20 to 23

Luke 16 verse 15

The apostle Paul tells us that naturally we go in bad directions:

Romans 8 verses 7 and 8

The apostle James says that our tongues can be used in very bad ways:

James 1 verses 14 and 15, 3 verse 6



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3, Q 2: v 11, Q 3: v 19



Bible timeline

