



Men's Huddle
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..... And the Tragic (Eli)
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1. The Summary

- The story of the “House of Eli” is a cautionary tale, a warning for us.
- It’s about the tragedy of being a pretender, instead of trusting, and obeying God.
- Of being religious, but not having relationship with God.
- Of having the paraphernalia of faith, but not having God.
- Of talking and appearances, Instead of word and fruitfulness.

- Tragedy, instead of destiny.

2. The story of two families (Samuel 1-4)

Family →	Hannah's Home	The House of Eli
Sons →	Samuel	Hophni & Phinehas
Hearts →	Trust & Obedience	Pretending & Disobedience
Future →	Destiny Establishing Kingdoms & God's Glory	Tragedy: Death and Extinction

A. The Home of Hannah (1:1-2:11)

“When we walk with the Lord in the Light of His Word,
 What a glory He sheds on our way,
 While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
 and with all who trust and obey.”

Trust and Obey, 1887
 John H. Sammir”

B. The House of Eli (2:12-17)



C. Fruits and Consequences (2:18-4:22, Hebrews 11:32)

3. The Challenge (James 1:19-27)

- Are we the real deal, or are we just pretending?
- Most men are in process, so where are we still pretending?
- Two areas of challenge: (trust and obey)
 - Be a spiritual leader now.
 - Get out and love fearlessly.

Questions

1. Have you ever found yourself “pretending” and made changes? Talk about that experience.
2. Of the two challenge areas in the last section, which needs your attention most right now?
3. Is there some opportunity or situation in which God is asking you to trust and obey? What decision/action could you embrace this week to trust God and obey Him in a more significant way?

Quoted this morning:

God Hides in Plain Sight by Dean Nelson

The Hole in Our Gospel by Richard Stearns