

**Recap of 2/2/25 message by Pastor Steve Plank  
(1 Samuel 2:22-26, "Honor or Disgrace?"):**

*In this section, as we continue to see the wickedness of Eli's sons and Eli's anemic attempt to chastise them, we get God's prophecy against Eli's posterity. God says he will remove the priestly office from Eli's family and the sign that this will be so is that both of his sons will die on the same day. Our study through 1 & 2 Samuel, will show this is exactly what happens. Eli is a descendant of Aaron's through Ithamar. Though mostly killed at Saul's command (1 Sa 22), that line continues to act as high priest (Abiathar) through David's reign. Solomon removes Abiathar and appoints Zadok (1 Ki 1-2) as high priest thus moving the high priesthood to the line of Aaron's son Eleazar (1 Ch 6, 24).*

*Fortunately, we also see Samuel growing in stature and in favor with the LORD and with men. Samuel is God's chosen instrument to work in Israel in the short-term.*

*The major lesson learned for Christians today is to make sure we diligently honor God. God honors those who honor Him, but He counts as nothing those who despise Him. Following Jesus is the essential first step in honoring God. Beyond our faith in the person and work of Jesus, we honor God when we live according to His Word. We despise God when we live according to our own worldly wisdom. Each of us should regularly examine our lives and ask God to reveal any area (marriage, parenting, finances, career, relationships) where we are not honoring God.*