

The Message • Pastor Ron Smith

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The Truth

A Man of God Speaks to Eli

2:27 Then a man of God came to Eli and said to him, “Thus says **the LORD**: ...I will raise up a faithful priest” (2:35).



The Truth

Eli's Violation of Covenant

1. Thus says the LORD (v. 27). (The One in charge.)
2. Your father [Aaron] (v. 27). (God's delegated authority.)
3. Why do you kick at My sacrifice? (v. 29) (The rules.)
4. I will cut off your arm (v. 31). (The oath/curse)
5. I will raise up a faithful priest" (v. 35). (Succession)



The Truth

God Speaks to Little Samuel

1 Samuel 3:12-13 In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and **he did not restrain them.**



The Truth

He “Kicked at God’s Sacrifice” By

1. honoring his sons more than God
2. and making themselves fat with the best of the offerings (v. 29).



The Truth

What Makes a Church a Legitimate Church

1. the preaching of the word of God;
2. the administration of the sacraments;
3. church discipline.



The Truth

**“If we judge ourselves, we will
not be judged”**

1 Corinthians 5:5 deliver such a one to Satan
for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may
be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.



The Truth

The Greater Sin

He did not restrain them.



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Fornication & Greed



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**Without Holiness,
No Man Shall See the Lord.**

Hebrews 12:14

Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).



The Truth

The Only Inheritance of Preachers

I am to be the only inheritance the priests have. You are to give them no possession in Israel; I will be their possession (Ezekiel 44:28).



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The Love of Money A Root of All Evil

But godliness with contentment is great gain.

1 Timothy 6:6-9



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