For me, the perspective is that Eli didn’t really know the magnitude of the position or what he represented to God, it didn’t matter how much people around you salute you or sing your praise what matters the most is seeing yourself as God sees you a ROYAL PRIESTHOOD.

Eli came from the lineage of those whose primary responsibility was to serve not midway but earnestly and in entirety. And you know when something is principally a reason, a core existence for their occupancy where every other thing comes secondary that was their primary lineage goal, vision and future ambition all wrapped in one. They were mediators between man and God.

God was so empathic about them that he described the dos and don’ts as such Leviticus 21 was dedicated to explaining this, even to the outfit in genesis 39. I have never seen the Father so given to a particular descendant in those years; God was so meticulous about this people that he made known that anyone else apart from this lineage who approaches the sanctuary is to be put to death. Number 3:10

Yes, they had the Levites, Segmented into the gershonites, kohathites,the merarites, to perform subordinate services associated with public worship ,musicians,gatekeepers,guardians,temple officers to assist the priests but none dares to performs the main responsibility of priesthood assigned by God through Moses to Aaron and his descendant. Exodus 28:1.

Eli knew but was lackadaisical about the office he occupied, His children had no sense of responsibility or regards for the identity the Lord God had placed on their family, they brazenly flouted all God spoke against in Leviticus 21.

Fathers I believe are custodians of disciplinary actions, for the children to have persistently engaged disregarding their father despite the reports. Then it spells out disregard and nonchalance. The children were as good as children who had no God led upbringing because drop by drop makes an ocean, it’s evident years of poor childhood has morphed into a messed-up adulthood. Train a child in the way he should go proverbs 22:6, lay the foundation its easier than trying to force when maturity is at its peak.

Eli was a present but a dismissive Father and his children ill habit wreak havoc upon his family just like God said he would in 1 Samuel 2:30-34 thereafter the prophecy was fulfilled in 1 Samuel 4:17-20