Hmmm, personally for me the perspective was that Eli didn’t really knew 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 matter the most is seeing yourself as God sees you a ROYAL PRIESTHOOD.

Eli came from the lineage of 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 the primary lineage goal, vision and future ambition.

God was so keen that he described the dos and don’t that Leviticus 21 was dedicated to explaining this , even to the robe in genesis 39 . I have never seen the father so given to a a particular descendant, God was so meticulous about this people that he made known that anyone else 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 b gen 1 :2 8ut 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, its evident years of poor childhood 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 wreck 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