

1 Samuel 2:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him,
Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of
thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

Analysis

An anonymous 'man of God' delivers prophetic judgment to Eli. His message begins with historical reminder: God revealed Himself to Eli's ancestors in Egypt, choosing them for priestly service. The rhetorical question expects an affirmative answer - yes, God had plainly appeared to Aaron's house. This historical foundation makes current failure inexcusable. Those with greater privilege bear greater responsibility. Eli's family had generations of divine revelation and sacred service; their corruption therefore warranted severe judgment.

Historical Context

The title 'man of God' (ish elohim) designates a prophetic figure throughout the Old Testament. Such figures often delivered covenant lawsuit oracles, prosecuting Israel or its leaders for breaking covenant stipulations. This anonymous prophet initiates the judgment process against Eli's house.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does greater spiritual heritage increase accountability?
2. What privileges of revelation and access to God do you enjoy, and what responsibility accompanies them?

Interlinear Text

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 4:27 (References God): And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.

Deuteronomy 33:1 (References God): And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

1 Kings 13:1 (References God): And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

Judges 13:6 (References God): Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:

