

# 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

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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

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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

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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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

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וַיָּבֹא	אִישׁ	אֱלֹהִים	אֶל	עַל־י	אָמַר	אֵלֶּיּוֹ	כֹּה
And there came	a man	of God	H413	unto Eli	and said	H413	H3541
H935	H376	H430		H5941	H559		
אָמַר	יְהוָה	נִגַּלְתִּי	נִגַּלְתִּי	אֶל	לְבַיִת	אָבִיךָ	
and said	the LORD	Did I plainly	Did I plainly	H413	house	of thy father	
H559	H3068	H1540	H1540		H1004	H1	
בְּהִיּוֹתָם	בְּמִצְרַיִם	לְבַיִת	פַּרְעֹה:				
H1961	when they were in Egypt	house	in Pharaoh's				
	H4714	H1004	H6547				

## Additional Cross-References

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**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:

