



## A Mother's Day Meditation

**"A Study in Contrasts: Hannah, Eli, and Children Lent to the Lord"**

**Text: I Samuel 1 & 2**

For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him.<sup>28</sup> Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD." I Samuel 1:27-28

Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know the LORD. I Samuel 2:12

Three questions lead us to this reflection today:

*Why recognize Mother's Day? It's a tough day for some people.  
And it is.*

*Why dedicate infants? Isn't it just 'infant baptism lite'?*

Hannah: a remarkable **WOMAN** devoted to God

A remarkable **MOTHER** devoted to her son.

Samuel—a son who would serve God and **IMPACT** history.

Eli: a priest who served the Lord but somehow **MISSED** his own sons.

Two boys who **DID NOT** know the Lord

And who desecrated the **HOUSE** of God

And paid a deadly price for their **REBELLION**.

Are our children **LENT** to the Lord?