

His commands, is the real and primary source of all crime.

Eli's household were cut off from the honorable and sacred office of the priesthood in serving God, because of his neglect of parental duty in this respect. The evil example of his sons caused the national spirit to become so corrupt that the people were easily overcome by their enemies, the Philistines. See the changed effect of Hannah's holy life upon the nation, in consecrating her son Samuel to the service of God. This life reflected in her son speedily reverses this history. Inspired by the courage of the faithful Samuel, the Israelites reconquer the Philistines and regain the territory lost (1 Sam. vii. 13). The disinterested or self-denying spirit of Hannah is also reflected in Samuel's internal rule of the people, witnessed to by God and their own verbal consent (1 Sam. xii. 34. 35.)

Thus we see the practical proof of Judge Chase's reasonable conclusions witnessed to