

Embrace
Holy
Living

RE- FLECTING GOD

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We have all experienced the sinking feeling when we did something wrong; sooner or later, we know we will be held accountable. We can either own up to what we did or we can wait for the inevitable consequences.

Eli knew it was coming, he just didn't know when it would happen. He had failed to restrain his sons, and in the process they had strayed far from the Lord. Certainly Eli's sons exercised their own free will in rebelling against the Lord, but Eli, too, did wrong when he knowingly avoided disciplining his sons when he had the opportunity. The result was God's judgment.

While Eli rightly accepted the judgment of God, things may have been different for him if, instead of waiting for the inevitable, he started to deal with what he had done wrong.

"If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins" (1 John 1:9a), but if we ignore our sins, we are simply waiting for the inevitable. Now is the time to come clean.