

TAKERS AND GIVERS

1 Samuel 2:12-26 (p. 421)

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*Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying,
"May the Lord give you children by this woman
to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the Lord."
1 Samuel 2:20*

The darkest days

*Eli's sons were wicked men; they had no regard for the Lord.
1 Samuel 2:12*

Another important "but"

*But Samuel was ministering before the Lord – a boy in a linen ephod.
1 Samuel 2:18*

Her story continues

*Each year his mother made him a little robe
and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice
1 Samuel 2:19*

**Key question:
Have I responded to God's grace as a taker or a giver?**

Living out Article 83

*Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel
His sons, however, did not listen to their father's rebuke, for it was the Lord's will to put them to death.*
1 Samuel 2:22-25

Article 83, CRC Church Order

Special discipline shall be applied to officebearers if they violate the Covenant for Officebearers, are guilty of neglect or abuse of office, or in any way seriously deviate from sound doctrine and godly conduct.

When we give to the Lord

And the Lord was gracious to Hannah 1 Samuel 2:21

1) GRACE not obligation

2) God seeks out THE ORDINARY → 2 Corinthians 4:6 [*The Message*]

For further study of 1 Samuel 2

Spurgeon's commentary of 1 Samuel 2 at <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/spe/1-samuel-2.html>

Collection of introductory studies at <https://www.monergism.com/topics/sermon-manuscripts-mp3s-scripture/12-samuel/introductions-outlines-studies>

P.G. Matthew's sermon "The Effectual Prayer" at <https://gracevalley.org/sermon/the-effectual-prayer-2/>

Geneva Bible introduction to 1 Samuel at <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/gsb/1-samuel.html>

Alexander Maclaren's commentary at <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mac/1-samuel.html>