

Welcome



Integrity Church

Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches... John 15:5.

**Does God still harden
the hearts of people,
like he did with Eli's
sons in 1 Samuel?**

- **1 Samuel 2:25 (NIV)**

If a man sins against another man, God may mediate for him; but if a man sins against the LORD, who will intercede for him?" His sons, however, did not listen to their father's rebuke, for it was the LORD's will to put them to death.

Eli's Sons Most Major Sins

- Treatment of the offerings brought to the temple by worshippers
- 'Temple' prostitution
- Absolute ignoring of the warnings of God and Eli himself.

The 'Rule of Double Jeopardy'

- **James 3:1 (NIV)**
Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

***Why did God choose
the Jews as His
chosen people?***

- ***Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV) 1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.
2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.
3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."***

Seven Elements to this Promise / Covenant:

- I will make you a great nation (prominence)**
- I will bless you (prosperity)**
- I will make your name great (reputation)**
- You will be a blessing (influence)**
- I will bless those who bless you (alliance)**
- Whoever curses you I will curse (protection)**
- All people on earth will be blessed through you (transformation)**