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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Opposite Attitudes toward God 1 Samuel 2:12-36

- I. It starts with Attitude: Our attitude toward God determines God's attitude toward us (1 Samuel 2:12-21).
  - A. Greed: Eli's sons demanded for themselves offerings intended for God (12-17).
  - B. Service: Hannah's son Samuel served the Lord and God blessed her with many children (18-21).
  
- II. Our Attitude becomes our Reputation: Our reputation among others reflects our attitude toward God (1 Samuel 2:22-26).
  - A. Immorality: Word spread that Hophni and Phinehas slept with women at the tabernacle (22-24).
  - B. Refusing correction: Hophni and Phinehas ignored their dad's warnings about sinning against God (25).
  - C. Obedience: Samuel earned God's favor and the respect of the people (26).
  
- III. Our Attitude has Outcomes: God honors those who honor him, but dishonors those who dishonor Him (1 Samuel 2:27-36).
  - A. A prophet rebuked Eli for his family abusing their spiritual privileges (27-29).
  - B. The prophet declares Eli's male descendant will die young (30-33).
    - *God treats us according to our attitude – whether or not we honor him.*
  - C. The prophet declared that Eli's sons would die the same day and God would replace Eli's family as priests (34-36; 1 Kings 2:26-35).