

# **GOD'S PROPHETIC CALL TO SAMUEL**

1 Samuel 3

# PERIOD OF TIME FOR GOD'S CALL: AN UNFAITHFUL ISRAEL

- **When Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli** (1 Samuel 3:1; 2:11, 2:18)
- **When God's Word was rare** (1 Samuel 3:1)
- **When the eyes of Eli were dim** (1 Samuel 3:2, 1 Samuel 4:15)
- **When laying down** (1 Samuel 3:2, 3:3, 3:9)
- **Before the lamp of God went out** (1 Samuel 3:3, Ex. 30:7-8)

Verses 1-10

# PERCEIVING GOD'S CALL INVOLVES: LISTENING AND A READY RESPONSE

- **Samuel did not delay, he ran** (1 Samuel 3:4,5)
- **Samuel did not yet know the Lord** (1 Samuel 3:7)
- **Samuel received Godly instruction from Eli** (1 Samuel 3:9)  
“Speak LORD, for Your servant is listening.”
- **Samuel readily responded to God** (1 Samuel 3:10)  
“Speak, for Your Servant is listening.”

Verses 4-10

# PURPOSE OF GOD'S CALL: FULFILMENT OF HIS PROMISES

Verses 11-14

- **Message was fearful** (1 Samuel 3:11)
  - Jeremiah compares the destruction of Shiloh with that of Jerusalem (Jer. 7:12, 14; 26:6)
- **Message was certain** (1 Samuel 3:12)
  - Every promised outcome “from beginning to end” would come to pass (v.12, see prophecy in 1 Samuel 2:27-36)
  - “the iniquity which he knew” (v.13)
  - could “never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering” (v.14)
- **Message was just** (1 Samuel 3:13 – “Judge”; 1 Samuel 2:29; Deut. 6:5, 7:9-10; Mt. 10:37)
- **Message of eternal consequence** (1 Sam. 3:14)

# PROPER RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL: FAITH & OBEDIENCE IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

- Obey and do not hide God's Word (v. 15-18); Speak the entire counsel of God in the face of fear ("Samuel was afraid," v.15)
- God's people should: (v. 17,18)
  - want His Word;
  - hear His Voice;
  - receive His Word

Verses 15-18

# PRODUCT OF OBEDIENCE: GOD WITH US

- ***“The LORD was with Samuel”*** (v. 19) *and God let “none of his words fail.”*
- **God blessed** his ministry as a prophet (v. 20) – which spread throughout “All Israel, from Dan to Beersheba”
- **“The LORD continued to appear** at Shiloh” (v. 21)
- **Jesus:** God’s Son, Immanuel, Wisdom, Word, Priest Most High and our Eternal King (Is. 7:14, 2 Sam. 7:16, Mt. 1:22-23)

Verses 19-21

# HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO ME?

Listen to and faithfully obey God in all circumstances; Do not ignore sin: repent and avoid its eternal consequences.

*“We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”*

(Heb. 6:19-20)