

Who or what is the biggest voice in your life?

Is it a parent

A teacher

A pastor

Your boss

Your spouse

Your president

Your political party

Your friend

Your trauma

Your sickness or dis-ease

Your pet

Your past

Your emotions

Your tasks

Your schedule

Your potential

Your money

Your car

Your rest

Your hobby

Your tv

Social media

Your church

Your America

Your culture

Your race

Your gender

Samuel heard the voice of God, but did not recognize it until he was instructed by Eli (1 Samuel 3:1–10).

Gideon had a physical revelation from God, and he still doubted what he had heard to the point of asking for a sign, not once, but three times (Judges 6:17–22,36–40). When we are listening for God's voice, how can we know that He is the one speaking? First of all, we have something that Gideon and Samuel did not. We have the complete Bible, the inspired Word of God, to read, study, and meditate on. "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16–17). When we have a question about a certain topic or decision in our lives, we should see what the Bible has to say about it. God will never lead us contrary to what He has taught in His Word (Titus 1:2).

Who are you honoring what are you honoring besides God?

That voice is the idol in your life and it must be removed and taken off of the pedestal

The God that honors you is the God that you honor.

1 Samuel 2:30

King James Version

30 Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

1 Samuel 3:1

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was **no frequent vision**.

V2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place.

V3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

V1 Samuel is ministering in the presence of the Lord and Eli's presence. Samuel is worshipping God.

There was not frequent vision - seeing what God was doing and hearing what God wanted to say was almost nonexistent.

It's a dark age. It's absent of the character of His presence.

V2

Eli, Samuel's trainer in the prophetic, is laying down and the bible says his eyesight is dim. This is speaking of the previous verse that says there was no frequent vision. Eli is at a place in his lifetime that he is not seeing prophetically.

V3 the lamp that is lit in the presence of the Lord is still flickering. Eli is laying down and Samuel was worshipping but now is lying down by the Ark.

This is the place where God is about to retrain your brain and senses to recognize the voice of another.

God wants Samuel to learn to recognize HIS voice and no longer being led by Eli's voice.

This is a shift. Everything is about change

V4-6

Samuel hears his name called and thinks it's Eli but Eli says no it wasn't him.

V7 scripture says

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

So in verse 8 he calls out again

V9 Eli says if you hear the voice again say Speak, LORD, for your servant hears

Why?

So Eli is unsure

Samuel is unsure

And then verse 7

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

Samuel doesn't know the voice of the Lord he only knows Eli's voice. The voice or word of the Lord had not been revealed to him yet.

Amp version

Now Samuel did not yet know [or personally experience] the LORD, and the word of the LORD was not yet revealed [directly] to him.

Know - discriminate, distinguish

Word - speech

Revealed - to be uncovered

V19

And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

There is a time when a woman is pregnant that the baby begins to recognize the voice of the mother and then the father and others as the frequency of their voices trains the child's hearing.

Once the delivery has taken place there is immediate recognition but changes as other voices are introduced and gain a level of frequency in the ears of the child.

There is a time when the mentor has the ear of the mentee. When a teacher has the ear of the student. When the leader of a ministry has the ear of the members of that ministry.

What has to happen is what we see happening with Samuel.

God begins to speak directly to you and the one or ones who you have been hearing and giving strict attention to will become secondary ...

They should follow the example Eli puts forth by not allowing confusion but rather realizing that this is a moment where God now chooses to honor those who honor Him and He honors you by revealing Himself, His Voice and knowledge of Him.

To distinguish Him from others is to know

To become aware of what you were unaware is revealing

And to distinguish his word his speech is to hear his voice

Our reliance on man's voice must not be first and foremost but instead on the voice of an invisible God.

Yet we have the prince of the power of the air

Placing many voices in the bandwidth similar to Gods and in the noise field to keep us distracted.

There is nothing wrong with dialog, conversation, teaching the bible and gaining understanding etc...

It's when the primary voice is the voice of another and not the voice of the good shepherd. Now there's a problem.

If you're waiting on the dim eyes of Eli to tell you the word of the Lord, you will be waiting a very long time.

Eli represents

An old system

A religious perspective and view

A dying process

The church is much like Eli

An old religious system with a dead perspective.

Eli is on his way out so who are you going to listen to now?