

## Samuel (Rise of the King) - Lesson 6

### The Call of Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-21)

#### 1) REVIEW: FALL OF ELI'S HOUSE

- Hophni and Phinehas were wicked and did not know the Lord
- They abused their priestly role and corrupted worship
- Eli knew their sin but failed to act
- Leadership failure allowed corruption to spread
- God declared judgment on Eli's house
- God promised to raise up a faithful priest

#### 2) TRANSITION

- The priesthood is failing
- Judgment is coming
- God will now speak through Samuel

#### 3) THE RARE WORD (1 SAMUEL 3:1)

- The Word of the Lord was rare
- Not absent—but withheld \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
- Few visions: God was not widely speaking
- Spiritual dullness leads to spiritual famine

#### 4) SILENCE AS JUDGMENT

- God's silence is discipline
- Religion was present, but \_\_\_\_\_ (2) was missing
- External activity without true knowing of God

#### 5) ELI'S DECLINE (VS. 2)

- Physical blindness reflects spiritual decline
- Leadership is weakening
- Contrast with Moses' strength (Deut. 34:7)

#### 6) THE LAMP STILL BURNING (VS. 3)

- God's presence had not fully departed
- Samuel's \_\_\_\_\_ (3) comes in the night
- Darkness does not mean God is finished

**7) GOD CALLS SAMUEL (VS. 4–7)**

- Samuel hears his name
- Responds: “Here I am”
- Did not yet know the Lord
- Had not yet received personal revelation

**8) A SERVANT’S HEART**

- Immediate response shows readiness
- A \_\_\_\_\_ (4) posture
- Openness comes before understanding

**9) LEARNING TO HEAR GOD (VS. 8–10)**

- God calls repeatedly
- His grace is \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
- Spiritual sensitivity must be learned

**10) A SERVANT’S POSTURE**

- Position yourself to \_\_\_\_\_ (6) from God
- “Speak, Lord...” shows humility
- Listening requires submission

**11) TRUE LISTENING**

- Not a call to \_\_\_\_\_ (7) God’s voice
- Hearing without obeying is not listening
- Obedience proves listening

**12) THE NATURE OF GOD’S CALL**

- God’s call is \_\_\_\_\_ (8)
- Specific and direct
- God calls individuals

**13) THE URGENCY OF THE CALL**

- Repetition shows importance
- God’s call is not \_\_\_\_\_ (9)
- It demands a response

**14) GOD INITIATES**

- \_\_\_\_\_ (10) begins the relationship
- Samuel responds after God calls
- God always initiates

**15) GOD'S MESSAGE (1 SAMUEL 3:11–14)**

- A shocking announcement is coming
- \_\_\_\_\_ (11) is certain
- Sin always has consequences

**16) TOTAL FULFILLMENT (VS. 12)**

- God's Word will be \_\_\_\_\_ (12)
- Not partial or reversible
- God accomplishes what He declares

**17) ELI'S FAILURE (VS. 13)**

- Eli knew and \_\_\_\_\_ (13) the sin
- Inaction is disobedience
- What we allow, we affirm

**18) POINT OF NO RETURN**

- A line can be crossed
- Rejected truth hardens the heart
- Judgment becomes certain

**19) THE HEAVY MESSAGE (VS. 15–18)**

- Samuel feared telling Eli
- Ministry includes difficult truth
- Never compromise the \_\_\_\_\_ (14)

**20) FAITH OVER FEAR**

- Obedience can be \_\_\_\_\_ (15)
- Faithfulness requires courage
- Speak truth regardless of cost

**21) FAITHFULNESS IN MINISTRY**

- \_\_\_\_\_ (16) means telling the whole truth
- Do not edit God's message
- Speak fully and accurately

**22) ELI'S RESPONSE**

- Acknowledges God's authority
- Accepts outcome
- Lacks \_\_\_\_\_ (17)

**23) SAMUEL'S GROWTH (3:19–21)**

- The Lord was with him
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ (18) was upon him
- His ministry was confirmed

**24) WORDS THAT STAND**

- God fulfilled Samuel's \_\_\_\_\_ (19)
- Truth validates the messenger
- Faithfulness builds credibility

**25) GOD SPEAKS AGAIN**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ (20) is broken
- God is speaking again
- Revelation is restored

**ANSWER KEY**

1. REVELATION
2. RELATIONSHIP
3. CALL
4. SERVANT'S
5. PERSISTENT
6. HEAR
7. EVALUATE
8. PERSONAL
9. CASUAL
10. GOD
11. JUDGEMENT
12. COMPLETED
13. ALLOWED
14. TRUTH
15. DANGEROUS
16. FAITHFULNESS
17. REPENTANCE
18. HAND
19. WORDS
20. SILENCE