

Notes **The Making of a Priest** Sunday January 4th 2026 Bob Metcalf

**If you want to have kingdom influence, you must be a presence lover.
You must function in the priesthood of the believer.**

1 Pet 2:4-5 Nlt “*You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God’s temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.*

⁵ *And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What’s more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.”*

Vs 8-9 “*And, “He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall.”*

They stumble because they do not obey God’s word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.

⁹ *But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.”*

Hannah, can represent the condition of a Christian before their ministry is brought forth by God, or birthed through great travail.

2 Cor 4:10-12 Nkjv “*always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. ¹¹ For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So then death is working in us, but life in you.”*

1 Sam 2:1-2 Nkjv “*My heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation.*

² “*No one is holy like the LORD, For there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God.*

May we be a Samuel church!
May we be a Samuel generation!
May we be a Samuel ministering priest of the Lord.
May we be a people that hear from God!

1 Sam 2:12 “¹²Now the sons of Eli were scoundrels who had no respect for the LORD ¹³or for their duties as priests.”

1 Sam 2:16-19 “*The man offering the sacrifice might reply, “Take as much as you want, but the fat must be burned first.” Then the servant would demand, “No, give it to me now, or I’ll take it by force.”* ¹⁷So the sin of these young men was very serious in the LORD’s sight, for they treated the LORD’s offerings with contempt.

¹⁸But Samuel, though he was only a boy, **served/ministered before the LORD**. He wore a linen garment like that of a priest. ¹⁹Each year his mother made a small coat for him and brought it to him when she came with her husband for the sacrifice.”

Samuels name actually means “*Growth in God*”

It’s a Divine pattern we see in the Bible.

-First a presence lover a Priest that was set apart unto God
-If we want to have a kingdom influence, we must first be a presence lover. ---
First be a priest unto God!
Samuel didn’t seek the word; He sought the God of the Word!
-He sought the Lord Himself and out of that will grow something to say! His growth in God came when he sought God!
-I want to be a voice, not an echo not a parrot.

He ministered before the LORD NKJV VERSON

This word *BEFORE*, is translated from the Hebrew “paniyim” means “*PRESENCE*”
This word “paniyim” or presence it is relational not positional
“*To serve in the presence of the Lord*” It is a relationship!

The robe you wore last year should NOT be the robe you wear this year!

YOU have to have a new robe every year! And it has to fit you!

1 Sam 3:1 “Now the boy *Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.*”

But he got a word from God himself.

He heard from God!

All because of this---- he ministered to the LORD

, “*The Prophetic had no breaking power!*”

Not breaking through anything!

No power!

No flow!

No breaking through anything!

2nd Tim 3:5”Nkjv “*They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!*”

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1 Pet 2:9 “As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.”

1 Sam 3:2 “*And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see*”

1 Sam 3:3-4 “*and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the LORD where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down,*”

that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, “Here I am!”

The lamp of God was filled with new oil and lit every morning and every evening. It burned all night.

The church is the lamp of God! Are we keeping our lamp filled and lit?

3 times God called him, each time he answered the same.

1 Sam 3:4 Nkjv “*that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, “Here I am!”*

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This showed an unwavering spirit in the young boy!

IT was not “*if it fits my dream*”

IT was not “*if it fits my gifting*”

IT was not “*If it doesn’t inconveniences me*”

It was the spirit of “**HERE I AM**” **WHAT DO YOU NEED, LORD!**