



1 Samuel

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- ❖ Samuel a teenager - Josephus said 12 yrs
- ❖ (v1) See Sam ministering "TO" - Sam 2:18
"BEFORE", 2:21 "IN the presence", 2:26 "WITH"
- ❖ Chapter begins - Word was rare but by the end of the chapter a different story
- ❖ (v2-3) Eli's eyesight was dimming & lamp of God not quite out...ark was there - was God speaking the issue or the people listening?
- ❖ Eli clueless and slow again...

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- ❖ Sam's first time meeting the Lord
- ❖ (v11) Transitional - new "thing" for Israel
- ❖ Ears Tingling = Ringing Ears
- ❖ Sam shows maturity in not just running to tell Eli the news...feared & respected him, but obedient when asked.
- ❖ Eli not clueless this time, knew what Sam's silence meant..(see 2:27-36)
 - Note: Eli's sin = not disciplining sons

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- Note: Eli's Response or lack of (See Is. 38 39)
No signs of repentance...no attempt to correct the situation
- ❖ Sam's words didn't "fall" meaning his words came true! = God confirmed them, so did the people
- ❖ Dan to Beersheba = North to South
- ❖ Transition from Priest to Prophet
- ❖ The Word is hopefully not going to be rare any longer!

PICTURES OF CHRIST

Hebrews 1:1-3

John 10:1-21

John 14:15-27

Hearing & Knowing the Voice of the Lord

1. He calls us by name

- Called Sam by name 4x's - this is why he went to Eli
- You know he is speaking directly to you... can come through a person, a situation, the Word, but you know it's for you!

2. Need to be in a position to hear & willing

- Sam camping out in the tabernacle - ministering TO the Lord, also 2:18

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- Sam is willing & ready, jumps out of bed!
- Where 2 or 3 gather there I am (Matt. 18:20)/ Don't neglect meeting together (Heb. 10:24-25)/ Church=Body (1 Cor. 12)
- Acts 13:1-2
- I am not sure if the Word of the Lord was rare or the people were listening in such a way as to be ready to obey - James 1:22-25 - have to want to hear what God has to say!

“[1] I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2] Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Romans 12:1-2 | ESV

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- Sam "Speak Lord your servant is listening"
3. Check with Others (mature followers)
- Sam hadn't heard the Word yet so needed Eli's help
 - Many times someone confirms something before I ask...
4. Get to KNOW the Lord
- Sam didn't "Know" the Lord yet

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- Bible = God's Word - learn about His nature, His character, how he operates what he commands, Jesus fleshes it out (Jn 1)
- Looking for your ears to be "tickled" or "tingled" = Ringing of the ears - Loud & clear message, Fire of HS burning in your heart(Lk 24:32)
- He is the "Good Shepherd" - He enters through the gate - Wide vs Narrow

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- He is the Gate = We enter by the Gospel and filter all things by the Gospel
- Jesus = gave his life, died, Res/gives life - Satan = steals, kills, destroys - we need to learn the difference...

5. Takes Time

- Ask, seek, knock (Lk. 11:5-13)
- Had Eli stopped doing time with the Lord

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6. Is it something God intimately knows?

- Eli knew it was the Lord cause he knew Sam didn't know about the prophecy
 - Sam could see what was going on maybe had experienced little persecution...
- Jn 10:27 - "I know them"
- Does the message have a weight, heaviness, authority, eternal truth

Hearing & Knowing the Voice of the Lord

- God will confirm it himself & other believers can agree and confirm
 - this means we need to speak up lovingly if God gives us a check or red flag about something brought to you
- Note: Sam given the place of leading and speaking because he was a person who first listened & spent time in the presence of the Lord

“[20] Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”

Revelation 3:20 | ESV