

The Book Of 1 Samuel
Wednesday Noon Bible Study
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Lesson 7 In the very first verse of **1 Samuel chapter 3**, we get an indication of how bad things were prior to Samuel. The words...**the Word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.**

1st Point The Call Of Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-10)

- Let me read the first ten verses in **1 Samuel Chapter 3**
- Centuries had gone by and God hadn't visited HIS people with revelation. There were no visions.
- I want us to visualize what is happening now in the text.
- Samuel has been going about learning about the things of the Lord
- Samuel has never received a revelation from God
- Remember now, there is silence from God
- While Samuel is reclining in the tabernacle attending to the lamp **(v. 4)**
- And suddenly the silence is broken, God is about to call Samuel and give him a direct revelation
- But you see, because Samuel had never heard the LORD speak to him, he misled God's voice for the priest Eli's voice.

2nd Point It's Being Repeated Today (1 Samuel 3:4-10)

- Saints, there are many voices out here today trying to get our attention and want us to listen to them.
- **God's voice, God speaks through HIS WORD.**
- **What we must know, and understand, and believe is that any voice, any message that is contrary to the WORD of God is not God's voice.**
- **God had a man of God who knew HIM, and had the ability to train Samuel to recognize the voice of God.**
- **That's what saints need and should be praying for. A man of God who knows God and God's WORD.**

While Eli the priest failed in his role as a father, he did successfully teach his student Samuel how to recognize the voice of God.

- Later in our study of the **1 Samuel** we will see that Samuel grew up and became a respected, well-known "*Man of God*".

3rd Point The Task Of The Man of God (1 Samuel 3:9)

- The task of the man of God is two-fold. He must teach the saints of God to:
 - Listen to what the Lord says
 - Do whatever the Lord commands you to do.

4th Point **The Response Of The Servant Of God** (1 Samuel 3:10-14)

- Listen to what the Lord says
- Obey what the Lord commands you to do.
- **Let's you and I consider the fact that Samuel's first job, his first assignment from the Lord, is to tell his teacher, his mentor, his spiritual father, that God is about to remove you and your family from serving in the priesthood.**
- The message that Samuel **MUST** deliver is **sad** and **shocking**.
- When Samuel makes this announcement, *it would cause the ears of the people to ring like hammer blows on a bell.*

5th Point **The Reason From God's Word** (1 Samuel 3:12-13)

- Throughout the Bible we see *the judgment of God* and *the reason for God's judgement*.
 - The flood. Why would God destroy every living thing on the earth with water? (**Genesis 6:5**)
 - Why did God destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah? (**Genesis 18:20**)
 - Well, God removed Eli's family from the priesthood because:
 - * Eli's sons were wicked.
 - Eli **knew it** and failed to retain them, hold them accountable.

6th Point **The Prophetic Ministry Of God** (1 Samuel 3:15-21)

- Here begins Samuel's ministry as a prophet of God.
- Remember we said **the priest was man's representative to God**
- Well, **the prophet was God's representative to man.**
- Eli the priest recognizes that Samuel has received a prophetic message from God.
- The Word of The Lord had been rare in those days (1Samuel 3:1).
- Now it would become common, because God has found a man to whom HE could entrust it to.

7th Point **The Sign That Samuel Was A Prophet** (1 Samuel 3:19)

- THE sign that a person was a prophet of God is that everything that that person said would come to pass (**Deuteronomy 18:21-22**)
- God made sure that everyone saw that Samuel was a prophet of HIS.