

## **God Calls Samuel (1 Samuel 3)**

**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **A Story All About Jesus**

#### **1 Samuel 3:1-3**

1. Why is it important for us to know that the Word of the Lord was rare in those days?
2. Why does the author want us to know that Eli's eyesight had begun to grow dim?
  - a. What do we know about Eli's sons, Hophni and Phinehas?
3. What does it mean that the lamp of God had not yet gone out?
  - a. What is the spiritual meaning?
4. Why was Samuel lying down in the temple? Was he really sleeping in the Holy Place?

#### **1 Samuel 3:4-8**

1. How many times has God called Samuel? What's significant about this number?
2. Samuel is described as not yet knowing the Lord. Who else is described this way in 1 Samuel 2:12?
3. Who is the Word of the Lord? (See John 1)
4. What is direct revelation?
5. Can you have direct revelation without Jesus?
  - a. You can receive the Word through a vision, through the Bible, through preaching, or through the incarnate Christ, but it can never be separated from Jesus.
  - b. God is revealed by His Son through the working of the Holy Spirit.
  - c. For example, when we hear the Word (Jesus) preached it teaches us about the Father which can only be received through the working of the Holy Spirit.
  - d. Distinct persons, yet they cannot be separated.
  - e. So when we talk about the Son's death and resurrection, the wholeness of the Trinity is present in it because it is by the Son that the Father has chosen to reveal Himself and it is only through the working of the Holy Spirit that we have the faith to grasp what Christ's death and resurrection means for us.
  - f. What may seem like an emphasis on the Son is actually thoroughly trinitarian.
6. Who was the first one to perceive that God was calling Samuel?

### **1 Samuel 3:9-14**

1. What did Eli tell Samuel to say?
2. Did the Lord call Samuel with a disembodied voice?
3. How is the Lord described when He appears in the temple?
4. Who is God and man?
  - a. To be man means to have a body.
5. What did Samuel leave out when he addressed the Lord? What is significant about that?
6. Is it a good thing to make ears tingle?
7. What has the Lord spoken against Eli's house? (See 1 Samuel 2:27-36)
  - a. Who is the faithful priest in 1 Samuel 2:35?
8. The iniquity of Eli's house will not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering. Is this a temporal or spiritual punishment?

### **1 Samuel 3:15-18**

1. Why was Samuel afraid to tell Eli what the Lord had said?
2. How did Eli threaten Samuel?
3. How did Eli respond to the Word?

### **1 Samuel 3:19-21**

1. What does it mean that none of Samuel's words fell to the ground?
  2. What does it mean that everyone from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord?
  3. What does it mean that the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the Word of the Lord?
- How does God call us today, as Christians, by the Word of the Lord?