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How to Hear God's Voice

Samuel's notes

Chapter 3

3:4 And Jehovah called Samuel. And Samuel said, Here I am.

3:5 And he ran to Eli and said, Call me, I'm here. Eli replied, "I haven't called you, you're going to bed. And he went to bed.

3:6 And Yahweh again called Samuel. And Samuel rose and came to Eli and said, "Call me, I'm here. Eli replied, "My son, I haven't called you, but you're going to bed."

3:7 At this time Samuel had not yet known Yahweh, nor had he been inspired by Yahweh Howa.

3:8 And Jehovah called Samuel for the third time. Samuel rose and came to Eli, saying, "You have called me again, and I am here. Eli was clearly Yahweh's boyfriend.

3: Wherefore Eli said to Samuel, Go and sleep again. When he calls you again, he says: Yaw, and the servant hears. And Samuel went and slept where he was.

3:10 And Yahweh came and stood again, as he had called three times before, saying, Samuel, Samuel. Samuel replied: Speak, and the servant will listen.

Detailed summary of Chapter 3:

This chapter focuses on Samuel's first experience when he heard God's call and began serving God. Eli was a priest, prophet, and leader of Israel, but his sons were so wicked and did so bad things that God chose to punish Eli and his family. In this context, God appeared to Samuel and revealed His plan to Samuel through His Word.

At night, Samuel heard a voice shouting his name and thinking that Eli was calling her, ran to Eli, but Eli told him that he had not called her. This happened three times, and eventually Eli understood God's will and told Samuel to answer God's call.

When Samuel heard this call again, he replied, "Thy servant is here," and listened to God for His Word. God told Samuel that He was going to punish Eli and his family because their sins had accumulated to an unbearable level. Samuel was scared, but still informed Eli of God's Word.

The next morning, Eli explained God's call to Samuel and encouraged him to answer God's call and serve Him. From then on, Samuel began his duties as a prophet and priest, and God was with him, making him an important leader in Israel.

How to Hear God's Word

Hearing God's Word is often a topic related to religion, spiritual beliefs, or personal beliefs. This experience is often seen as a spiritual connection, and different religions and belief systems may have different ways of describing this connection. Here are some suggestions, but note that these experiences are extremely personal, so everyone's experience may be different:

Prayer and Meditation: Prayer and meditation as a means of communicating with God. By focusing on internal spiritual practices, some people claim to be able to hear God's guidance or revelation.

Reading the Scriptures: If you follow a religion, reading the relevant scriptures or scriptures may be a way to talk to God. Some people understand God's will through the teachings and stories of the scriptures.

Spiritual Mentor: Look for a spiritual mentor, pastor, or other spiritual leader who might be able to provide guidance and support and share experiences in conversations with God.

Reflection and Introspection: Pondering quietly and understanding your beliefs and values can help you sense God's will. Through introspection and reflection, some people claim to be able to perceive God's guidance.

Spiritual practices: Engaging in spiritual practices, such as attending religious ceremonies, gatherings, worship services, etc., helps deepen God's experience.
Accept intuition and perception: Some people claim to receive messages from God through intuition, dreams, or inner perception. This may require the development of sensitivity to internal perception.

Please note that these methods may vary depending on individual beliefs and religious differences. It is important to respect different beliefs and perspectives and understand that these experiences are extremely subjective. If you are seeking more specific guidance, it is a good idea to reach out to a religious leader, spiritual guide, or wise person in your faith community for personal counsel and support.

The Bible is the primary spiritual scripture and contains many passages that are considered divine revelations. Here are some biblical passages that I believe contain the Word of God or guidance that Christians often use to seek spiritual guidance:

Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust Yahweh with all your heart, and not in your own wisdom, but in all your ways you must recognize Him, and He will guide your paths." ┘

Matthew 7:7, "Ask, and it shall be given to you, seek and find and knock, and it shall be opened." ┘

Isaiah 30:21 "And thou shalt hear the voice behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk in it, and turn neither left nor right. ┘┘

John 10:27, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ┘

Romans 12:2: "Do not become like this world, but change by renewing your mind, that you may prove what God's good, perfect, and pleasurable will is. ┘

Ephesians 4:29 "Dirty words are not uttered, but good things can be spoken for the good of those who hear. ┘

I Timothy 4:12 "Do not allow anyone to despise your youth, but be an example to believers in word and deed, and in love and faith and purity." ┘

These verses are considered words that contain God's guidance, encouragement, and wisdom and are considered spiritual guides in Christian teaching. However, each person's understanding of these verses may vary, depending on his or her religious views and background

Let's pray together:

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for giving us a moment to be quiet in Your presence and seek Your will. Give us a divine heart, and may our hearts be at peace in Thy love and truth.

Open our ears so we can hear your voice. Lead us with Your Word every step of our lives. Let Your Spirit fill us and guide us to know Your heart.

Lord, if there is anything that prevents us from hearing Thy voice, please reveal it to us so that we can leave everything behind and commit ourselves to Thy love.

We are ready to wait quietly with You for Your revelation.

Give us wisdom so that we may perceive your will. May our lives be a testimony of Thy light and a manifestation of Thy glory.

We pray in Jesus' name amen

1 SAMUEL

CHAPTER 3

1Sa. 3:1 The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

1Sa. 3:2 One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place.

1Sa. 3:3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple [That is, tabernacle] of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

1Sa. 3:4 Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am."

1Sa. 3:5 And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

1Sa. 3:6 Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

1Sa. 3:7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

1Sa. 3:8 The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up

and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” Then Eli realised that the LORD was calling the boy.

1Sa. 3:9 So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

1Sa. 3:10 The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

1Sa. 3:11 And the LORD said to Samuel: “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears of it tingle.

1Sa. 3:12 At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family — from beginning to end.

1Sa. 3:13 For I told him that I would judge his family for ever because of the sin he knew about; his sons made themselves contemptible, [Masoretic Text; an ancient Hebrew scribal tradition and Septuagint sons blasphemed God] and he failed to restrain them.

1Sa. 3:14 Therefore, I swore to the house of Eli, ‘The guilt of Eli’s house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.’”

1Sa. 3:15 Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the LORD. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision,

1Sa. 3:16 but Eli called him and said, “Samuel, my son.” Samuel answered, “Here I am.”

1Sa. 3:17 “What was it he said to you?” Eli asked. “Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you.”

1Sa. 3:18 So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, “He is the LORD; let him do what is good in his eyes.”

1Sa. 3:19 The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground.

1Sa. 3:20 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognised that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD.

1Sa. 3:21 The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.

Chapter 3 begins with Samuel serving as a young boy in the tabernacle under Eli's guidance. One night, while Samuel was sleeping, the Lord called out to him by name. Thinking it was Eli, Samuel went to him and asked what he wanted. Eli told Samuel he had not called him and instructed him to go back to bed. This happened two more times, and each time Eli told Samuel it was not him and to go back to sleep.

Finally, the Lord called out to Samuel a fourth time, and Samuel responded by saying "Speak, for your servant is listening." The Lord then spoke to Samuel, telling him that he was going to judge Eli's family because of their sins and that he had chosen Samuel to be his prophet. The Lord's message was a difficult one for Samuel to hear, but he was faithful and relayed the message to Eli the next morning.

From that day forward, Samuel continued to grow in his prophetic abilities, and the Lord continued to reveal himself to him. People throughout Israel began to recognize Samuel as a prophet of the Lord, and he became known throughout the land.

Chapter 3 emphasizes the importance of listening for and responding to God's voice, even when it may be difficult to hear or understand. It also highlights the role of prophecy in Israel's history and the power of God's word to bring judgment and restoration. The chapter sets the stage for Samuel's prophetic ministry and his important role in guiding Israel through some of its most significant moments.

Here are some important verses in chapter 3 of the book of 1 Samuel in the Bible:

1. "The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions." (1 Samuel 3:1)
2. "Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, 'Here I am.'" (1 Samuel 3:4)
3. "The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word." (1 Samuel 3:21)

These verses describe the call of Samuel, who was a boy serving under Eli in the temple. Samuel initially mistook the voice of God for that of Eli, but after three calls from the Lord, he realized who was speaking to him. The chapter highlights the significance of Samuel's prophetic role and the importance of listening to and obeying God's voice. Additionally, the chapter provides insight into the spiritual climate of Israel during this time, emphasizing the rarity of divine communication and the spiritual decline of the priesthood.

1 Samuel chapter 3 recounts the well-known story of Samuel, the young boy who hears the voice of God speaking to him in the night. This chapter is significant because it marks a pivotal moment in Samuel's life and establishes him as a prophet of God.

One of the key themes that emerges from this chapter is the importance of hearing and responding to God's voice. The narrative begins with Samuel, who is serving under Eli the priest, lying down in the temple. In the silence of the night, Samuel hears a voice calling his name. Initially, Samuel mistakes the voice for that of Eli, but after Eli realizes it is the Lord who is calling Samuel, he instructs Samuel to respond, saying, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

This interaction between Samuel and God serves as a reminder that God desires to speak to His people, and He often does so in ways that may surprise us. It requires attentiveness and openness on our part to recognize His voice amidst the noise and distractions of life. Just as Samuel had to learn to discern and respond to God's call, we too need to cultivate a listening heart, ready to hear and obey God's instructions.

Furthermore, 1 Samuel chapter 3 highlights the importance of humility and obedience in our relationship with God. Samuel demonstrates both of these qualities throughout the chapter. When Eli reveals that it is God who is calling Samuel, Samuel humbly positions himself as God's servant, ready to listen and obey. He receives a message from God that contains a difficult prophecy against Eli's household, and yet Samuel faithfully delivers the message to Eli without hesitation.

Samuel's example challenges us to examine our own response to God's calling in our lives. Are we willing to humble ourselves before Him, acknowledging our role as His servants? Are we obedient to His instructions, even when they are difficult or go against our own desires? The story of Samuel reminds us that true spiritual growth and maturity come through a posture of humility and obedience to God's will.

Additionally, 1 Samuel chapter 3 teaches us about the faithfulness and persistence of God in pursuing a relationship with us. Despite the spiritual decline and corruption in Israel during that time, God continues to call Samuel and reveal His plans. God's voice breaks through the darkness of the night, calling Samuel by name, and ultimately establishes Samuel as a prophet who will play a crucial role in Israel's history.

This chapter encourages us to trust in God's faithfulness and to be attentive to His calling in our own lives. It reminds us that God never stops seeking a relationship with His people, even in the midst of challenging circumstances or personal struggles. We are invited to respond like Samuel did, saying, "Speak, for your servant is listening," and to embrace the calling and purpose that God has for each of us.

In conclusion, 1 Samuel chapter 3 reminds us of the importance of hearing and responding to God's voice, the significance of humility and obedience in our relationship with Him, and the faithfulness and persistence of God in pursuing us. May we cultivate hearts that are attuned to God's voice, ready to listen and obey, and may we embrace the calling and purpose that He has for each of our lives.