

The Word of the Lord

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1 Samuel 3:1-15

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Review:

- We are all barren like Hannah without hope except for God
- Hannah delivered Samuel to serve God
- The family has visited Samuel each year while Samuel grew^{1S2:21,26}

A Powerful Introduction: 3:1-3

- The word of the Lord was rare; Eli's eyesight was dim
- Samuel sleeps in the temple; Eli sleeps in his quarters
- The lamp of God hadn't yet gone out...
- Picture: Word abandoned^{Jdgs21:23} so consequences^{Dt8:3}

The Word of the Lord Comes 4-10

- Word: Samuel not yet know^{3:7}; Son's of Eli did not know^{2:12}
- Samuel near the ark (covenant^{Dt9:11:10:5})
- God calls 3x; but Samuel did not yet know the Lord
- Finally Eli perceives - ironic due to his spiritual dullness
- God calls Samuel like Abraham^{Gen22:11}; Jacob^{Gen46:2}; Moses^{Ex3:4}
- Samuel answers God's call¹⁰

God Gives Samuel His Word 11-14

- A judgment for Eli's house
- Don't scorn God's grace and mercy^{Heb10:26-31}
- No sin is too big for God's grace; but if we scorn God's mercy then we reject God's only means of salvation
- Samuel has a difficult word to deliver
- Samuel was afraid¹⁵

So What

- God's people (Israel) was in crisis
- God sent His Word and raised up a prophet!
- God changes things with His Word
- Creation: Chaos brought into order with Word
- What do we most need? God's Word!
- What do we most need in a crisis? God's Word!
- God's Word is the power of God^{1Cor1:18}
- We don't need better techniques, we need God's Word
- Your family needs God's Word
- You need God's Word
- We have a better Word than Samuel's day^{Heb1:1-2}; Jesus!
- If God's Word is rare today, it is because we won't listen and speaking God's Word
- Too often we're afraid like Samuel¹⁵
- Always remember the power of the Gospel and God's character^{Num14:18-19}
- Life of Samuel shows us as Believers^{1Pet2:9} how under the New Covenant how we are to live as a kingdom of priests serving God in the world and treating all of life as holy!