

The Power of the Word of the Lord

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1 Samuel 3:15-4:1a

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Review:

- Samuel dedicated to the Lord grew in favor with God & man^{1S2:26}
- God called Samuel^{3:10}, Samuel answers!
- Samuel reminds us as believers we are to be faithful as a kingdom of priests serving God in this world treating all of life as if it were holy – because it is and we get to proclaim God’s glorious Gospel!

What will the Prophet do?:

- Samuel is afraid to tell the vision¹⁵
- Not likely he went back to sleep...
- Samuel was faithful... got up, began normal duties!
- Avoiding duties creates more problems and sin...
- God ‘gives’ Samuel an escape, Eli asks...
- The prophet Samuel does his job! WLC Q#43
- God’s Word: bad news and good news^{Rm3:23;Is64:6;Rm5:8;10:9-10,13}
- Apply: Don’t be afraid to share both the bad and good news of the Gospel

Eli responds:

- Was Eli a believer? Likely, just a very poor one
- Entrusted himself to God
- Remember we are to be ambassadors for Christ^{2Cor5:17-20}
- Don’t be afraid to declare God’s Word^{Rom10:17}

Samuel Brings the Word of God to God’s People:

- Contrast 3:1 to 3:20 - God has brought His Word!
- How to apply today? We have a better Word-bringer^{Heb1:1-2}
- Jesus was the Word incarnate; left us the Spirit^{Jn14:16-17}
- Read God’s Word, memorize God’s Word, study God’s Word, share God’s Word, invite others to read God’s Word with you since God’s Word is powerful and effective^{Isa55:11!}