

When God Speaks, Will You Hear Him

Passage: 1 SAMUEL 3:1-21

Key verses: 7 & 8 “Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him. And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. Then he arose and went to Eli, and said “here I am, for you did call me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy.

Question for thought: Does god still speak to people today? My thought is yes, He may not speak in audible sense, but He still speaks to His servants. Hebrews 13:8 says, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever”. Now to me, if Jesus who is part of the trinity never changes, then his actions never change. So if God spoke in the Bible, he still speaks now. It may not be in the same way, but God still speaks to His people

- I. If we are to hear from the Lord, we have to know the Lord
 - A. Samuel had been dedicated to the Lord and was serving under Eli. In verse 7 we read that he did not yet know the Lord.
 - B. A relationship with God is not something we inherit through our family, we have to develop a relationship with Jesus for ourselves.
 - C. Christ made it possible for us to have a personal relationship with God. The way was through His death on the cross. To accept Jesus look at Romans 10:9-10

- II. To hear God speak, you have to be listening.
 - A. Samuel told God he was listening in 1 Samuel 3:10
 - B. To listen we have to be still. Psalm 46:10
 - C. We have to listen not only with our ears, but with our hearts or spirit Matthew 13:13-15

- III. If we are hear the Lord speak, we have to know how he speaks.
 - A. God speaks through His Word 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - B. God speaks to us through other believers.
 - C. God speaks through our times of worship Psalm 22:3
 - D. God speaks through times of prayer
 - E. God speaks through our life circumstances.

- IV. When God speaks to us, we have to respond 1 Samuel 3:9-10
 - A. When God spoke, Eli told Samuel how to respond.
 - B. We have to choose whether to obey the word of the Lord. Psalm 85:8, 1 Samuel 15:22 & the book of Jonah
 - C. When God speaks, it may not be convenient and it may not always make sense to us at the time, but God is looking for believers who will respond to Him when He speaks. Acts 21