



Speak Lord for your Servant is Listening **Samuel's Preparation (1 Sam. 3:1 - 2)**

Study Notes Handout: Week Two

In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions...Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. (1 Sam. 3:1, 7)

If the Holy Spirit should come and begin to preach to your heart, giving you rich and enlightened thoughts... be quiet and listen to Him who can talk better than you; and note what He proclaims and write it down; so will you experience miracles as David says: Open my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law. (Ps. 119:18)

Martin Luther

Sermon Outline:

1. Live your Life in the Presence of God (Ch. 2:11, 18, 21, 26; 3:1 - 3)
2. Learn to Discern the Voice of God (3:1 - 8; John 10:4)
3. Listen and Respond to the Call of God (3:9 - 10)
4. Look forward to Obeying the Will of God (3:11 - 21)

Questions for Reflection:

- How is the world that Samuel grew up in like our world today? How is it different?
- How do we discern God's leading in specific situations that the Scriptures do not explicitly address? What are the dangers in this? What are keys to finding balance?
- See John 10:4; Acts 13:2 - 3; 15:28; 1 Cor. 2:10 - 16; 2 Cor. 2:14; Phil. 1:9 - 11.



Personal Study Notes

Key Verses:

And the LORD was gracious to Hannah; she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters.
Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD.

1 Samuel 2:21

²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD.

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

1 Samuel 3:20-21

The Lord Rewards Hannah's Faith (cont.)

Hannah Rejoices in the Lord (2:1-10)

Young Samuel Ministers before the Lord (2:11)

The Lord Blesses Hannah's Family, Judges Eli's Family

The Wickedness of Eli's Sons (2:12-17, 22-25, 27-36)

The Sharp Contrast of Samuel's Commitment to the Lord (2:18-21, 26)

Questions or Insights for Discussion:

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