
I'm Listening Lord

1 Samuel 3:1-20



Now the boy Samuel was serving the Lord under Eli. The Lord's Word was precious and rare then, and visions weren't widely known. One day Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak he was unable to see, was lying down in his room. God's lamp hadn't yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the Lord's temple, where the Ark of God was kept.

The Lord called to Samuel. "I'm here," Samuel answered. Samuel hurried to Eli and said, "I'm here. You called me?" "I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go lie down." So he did. Again the Lord called Samuel, so Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?" "I didn't call, my son," Eli replied. "Go and lie down."

(Now Samuel didn't yet know the Lord, and the Lord's Word hadn't yet been revealed to him.)

A third time the Lord called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?" Then Eli realized it was the Lord Who was calling the boy. So Eli said to Samuel, "Go and lie down. If He calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.'"

So Samuel went and lay down where he'd been. Then the Lord came and stood there, calling just as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel said, "Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening."

The Lord said to Samuel, “I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of all who hear it tingle!

On that day, I will bring to pass against Eli everything I said about his household!

I told him I would punish his family forever because of their wrongdoing he knew about —how his sons were cursing God—but he wouldn't stop them. Because of that I swore about Eli's household—that his family's wrongdoing will never be reconciled by sacrifice or by offering.”

Samuel lay there until morning, then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord.

Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.

But Eli called Samuel, saying: “Samuel, my son!” “I’m here,” Samuel said. “What did He say to you?” Eli asked. “Don’t hide anything from me. May God deal harshly with you and worse still if you hide from me a single word from everything He said to you.”

So Samuel told Eli everything and hid nothing from him. “He is the Lord,” Eli said. “God will do what He knows is right and good.” So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, not allowing any of his words to fail. All Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew Samuel was trustworthy as the Lord’s prophet.

-1 Samuel 3:1-20





Then the Lord came and stood there, calling just as before, “Samuel, Samuel!” Samuel said, “Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.”

–1 Samuel 3:10

By contrast (*to Hophni and Phinehas*),
the boy Samuel grew in stature and in favor
with the Lord and with all the people.

-1 Samuel 2:26



You are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are His royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you show others the goodness of God, for He called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light.

-1 Peter 2:9

Now to the only One Who is able to keep you standing upright, and to present you before His glory—undefiled and joyful—to the One and only God, our Savior through Jesus the Messiah our Lord—be glory, majesty, power and authority before all the ages, now, and to all the ages to come. Amen.

—Jude 24-25

