
SERMON OUTLINE

A Life of Listening to God

1 Samuel 3

- I. Israel's Spiritual condition: God rarely spoke to Israel during aging Eli's weak spiritual leadership (3:1-2).
- II. God's call and Samuel's attitude: God called young Samuel who was willing to listen and obey God (3:3-10).
 - We should expect God to work in our children while they are young (2 Timothy 3:14-15).
- III. God's message of Judgment: God would judge Eli's sons for blasphemy and Eli for not restraining them (3:11-14).
 - Children and parents are both responsible for the process of growing up to obey God (Ephesians 6:1-4).
- IV. God's message and Eli's attitude: Eli heard and accepted God's judgment (3:15-18).
- V. Israel's Spiritual forecast: Samuel was used as a prophet because he listened to God (3:19-4:1a).
 - Believers are "priests" today. We are called to live exceptionally different (1 Peter 2:2-11).
 - We can experience the privilege of "walking with God" and having his guidance.

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