

# LISTENING TO GOD

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**Let's read 1 Samuel 3:1-10**

- The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel.

# 1 Samuel 3:1-10

## 1) GOD SPEAKS AT QUIET TIMES

- When God spoke to Samuel it was at night.
- When God spoke to Joseph, or Daniel it was often in a dream.

## 1 Samuel 3:1-10

- When God spoke to John it was at a quiet time. He was "in the Spirit on the Lord's Day." (Revelation 1:10)
- When God spoke to Elijah on Mount Horeb, it was with a still, small voice (1 Kings 19:12).
- It seems that it is during the times of solitude and quiet.  
(Psalm 46:10-11, Isaiah 30:15)

# 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD : The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

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The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

## **1 Samuel 3:1-10**

### **2) GOD WOULD SPEAK TO US REGULARLY**

- **Once God started speaking to Samuel, He continued to communicate. (1 Samuel 3:19-21)**
- **God wants to communicate with us regularly as we abide in Christ. (John 15:4-7)**

# 1 Samuel 3:1-10

## 3) GOD WANTS A WILLING LISTENER

- Eli told Samuel to say to the Lord, **"Speak."**
- In other words, Samuel was to be willing to hear from the Lord.
- God wants a willing listener.
- God wants his servants to listen for His voice.

# 1 Samuel 3:1-10

## 4) GOD WANTS A YIELDED LISTENER

- Eli told Samuel to say **“Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening.”**
- Jesus is Lord and He has every right to instruct and command us.
- We are also the Lord's servants.
- If we are the Lord's servants, we must therefore be yielded to His plans for our lives.

# 1 Samuel 3:1-10

## 5) GOD WANTS AN ATTENTIVE LISTENER

- Samuel was told to say "Your servant is listening."
- In other words, Samuel was to be alert.

## **1 Samuel 3:1-10**

- **He was to be desirous of hearing what the Lord had to say.**
- **He was to listen with a "ready ear".**
- **We are to listen to God, trying to get as much from Him as we can.**
- **For God to speak, we are to hang on every word.**

# 1 Samuel 3:1-10

## **SUMMARY:**

- **God speaks to us at “quiet times” and He wants to speak to us “regularly”.**

**God wants a willing, yielded, and attentive listener.**

- **LET’S PRAY:**