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1 Samuel 3: 1-10

**Hearing from God.**

“Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; *there was* no widespread revelation. **2**And it came to pass at that time, while Eli *was* lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, **3**and before the lamp of God went out in the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Samuel%203&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-7280a)]tabernacle of the Lord where the ark of God *was,* and while Samuel was lying down, **4**that the Lord called Samuel. And he answered, “Here I am!” **5**So he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.”

And he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” And he went and lay down.

**6**Then the Lord called yet again, “Samuel!”

So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” He answered, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” **7**(Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him.)

**8**And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. So 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. **9**Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, ‘Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.’ ” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

**10**Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

And Samuel answered, “Speak, for Your servant hears.”

Hearing from God it's a profound aspect of the Christian faith. Believers

hear from God personally, yes that's important the Bible provides

numerous insights and examples of how one can actually hear from God. And it

really comes out of cultivating a relationship with God which involves a combination of studying the scriptures every day and worshiping God and a discipline of prayer life.

Furthermore, listening to Godly advice through fellow Believers and observing what God

is speaking to you from circumstances because God speaks in

different ways.

Now that discernment comes to us as a discipline, and it is the foundational Grace of discernment that is at the basis of the gift of Prophecy. It's about developing an open heart to receive from God and an open mind to understand from God and a willingness to

act on God's word in faith in obedience. This attitude usually leads to a

transformed life where you walk in the world with the power of God unto eternal

life.

God's voice is multifaceted, and He communicates His

Desire, His guidance for us and He Reveals His divine nature to us. He

Reveals His glory to us and personal purpose for our lives that's why

personal prayer is very important. But silence also has its place in our prayer time now that's why the Lord

Jesus said in the Gospel of Luke 11:28 ,Jesus replied

“Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it”. Here our Lord Jesus Christ did not treat hearing from God as a very strange thing that happens only to the super

holy or only to the prophets of God or only to the clergy.

Here Jesus said everybody hears from me but the greater dimension of blessing is

when they obey what I say. If you hear from God it's not strange but it is natural

if you hear from God. it is something unique and it is very personal if God speaks

to you but not strange. Because remember our God is a speaking God.

We never ignore when God speaks to us but always take it in prayer. Pray about it, asking

God, I want to understand it more God, please explain it to me in clarity. secondly when

you respond in prayer to understand, be thankful and be believing. Be thankful

that God showed you something and God expressed something to you. Be thankful about it and be believing that God has a plan through it. Don't let it lead you to fear don't let it lead you to doubt but thank God for it. And believe God has a purpose through it. Thirdly prepare

yourself in the right direction either to overcome a challenge God showed you or a coming up a threat that God showed you. Be prepared to obey and change our lives as God always has a good purpose.

Primarily God speaks to us through God's word and that's why we must have God's word as a primary source in our lives. Through regular reading and meditation so that we can discern when God speaks. In fact, the Bible says in the book of Galatians let the word of God dwell in you richly. Let it dwell in you in abundance, because when God

speaks to you through his word it creates Divine strength to overcome your

fears. It creates and provides Divine Clarity to overcome your confusions. And

all this happens through building your inner faith. God builds your faith when you

hear God's word. It's a very automatic thing, it just happens God builds Faith inside you.

Bible says in the Book of Romans chapter 10:17, “So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Now there's a distinction, scripture is saying, hearing comes from

The from the written word of God into

your ears as the spoken word of God (logos to rhema). And that creates/builds Faith. I call it the spiritual metabolism of the scripture the scripture which is the word turns

into faith in our heart.

I want to close with our today’s reading that

serve us as examples on how to hear from God. Samuel slept and lived in the temple of God and his primary job was to keep the lampstand constantly burning and not get

put off. so that's all he did, he was faithful in honouring God. He knew it was a

dishonour for the candle to be gone. so, he kept it burning, he was honouring God and it touched God's heart. but you see when he was doing the

work of God, God didn't speak to him but when he was sleeping God spoke to him. Samuel heard from the Lord at an unexpected time in an unexpected manner. Let’s keep Honouring God, and as we do His voice will become clearer to us.