

speak, for your servant is listening

Listen

Samuel 3



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 house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel. 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.



A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" 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." And the LORD said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end.



A SPIRITUAL DISCONNECT

In those days the word of the LORD was rare

The Normal Relationship was in Disrepair

Increasingly Secular Culture
Turned a Deaf Ear to God's Word

God Will Speak & Guide When His People Seek

You will seek me and find me

when you seek me with all your heart.

Keep Seeking Expect God to Speak



A SERVANT'S HEART "Here I am"

A Beautiful Way to Respond to God Tell Him that We're Available

"Who will I send? Who will go for us?"
I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

A Declaration Made to God

A Declaration that God Makes to His Children Sustaining, Mobilizing Presence

Respond with Obedience



A POWERFUL PRAYER

'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'

Make Yourself Available Respond to the Word Humble Yourself

Expecting God's Voice, He Listened Intently Proactive Listening

Be Still Get Into God's Presence

Are We Listening for God's Voice?



A REMARKABLE ERA

See, I am about to do something in Israel ...

The Word of the Lord was Not Rare Visions Abounded

Samuel Realized His Potential

A Multitude of Blessings

Learning How to Hear the Voice of God is the Solution to a Thousand Problems

"Speak, for your servant is listening."