

**SAMUEL PART II**  
**I SAMUEL CHAPTER 3**  
**“HEARING THE VOICE OF THE LORD”**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

- Samuel’s life was a bridge, a lifeline to a new generation.
- Last week we talked about families, of Samuel and his godly mother Hannah and Eli and his failure.
- This week in chapter 3 we will talk about hearing the voice of the Lord.

**I. A HEART THAT STOOD OUT**

- Samuel stood out in his culture because of one thing, his character in the midst of a lawless time.
- Up to this point he had lived out of his parent’s faith, but like all children he needed his own faith.
- He needed a real and living experience with Jesus.
- I Samuel 3:8-11, So the Lord called a third time...Then Eli realized it was the Lord...<sup>9</sup> So he said to Samuel, “...if someone calls again, say, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’” ...<sup>10</sup> And the Lord came and called as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel replied, “Speak, your servant is listening.” <sup>11</sup> Then the Lord said to Samuel, “I am about to do a shocking thing in Israel.”

**II. THE VOICE OF THE LORD**

- Can you really hear Jesus speak?
- John 10:27, “My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.”
- Isaiah 30:21, “...your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it.’”

- The Father speaks, but are we listening?
- Hearing the voice of the Lord is not an event it is a journey. One that takes time and pursuit.

**III. HOW DOES GOD SPEAK?**

- God speaks to people two different ways.
  1. Universally -- to everybody.
  2. Personally -- to individual people - Specific
- Two Greek terms used for "word" in the New Testament, "*logos*" and "*rhema*".
- The *logos* is the general word of God to everybody.
- The *rhema* is a specific word, a promise, to a specific person in a specific period of time, for that time only.
- Jesus gave Peter a rhema, a specific word for one man in a specific situation, "Peter, come on!"
- This is the ministry of the Holy Spirit. It is His work to take a general promise and make it specific to us.

**IV. FASTING AND PRAYING**

- When you need direction and counsel the wisest thing you can do is fast and pray. Stop normal and seek God.
- Jeremiah 29:13, “You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.”
- John 15:7, “If you continue to abide in My Word, then you can ask for whatever you want and then it will be yours.”
- “If you continue in my rhema, not *logos*... If you continue in my specific word to you...then your prayer life will be full of answers.
- Take time to let the Lord probe your soul.

**CLOSE**

- Keep your heart humble and your ears open.