

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF

# 1 SAMUEL

[PART 6]

## THE ACORN, THE CHILD & THE BATTLE

*Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10*

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### Introduction

- In this next scene in the drama of 1 Samuel a mere child takes centre stage.
- What lessons has the child got to teach us?

### 1. The Child

- ***“And the boy Samuel....”***
- Children are immensely important to God.
- [Psalm 127:3] They are a gift from God.
- They are welcomed and valued by Christ. [Matthew 19:13 - 15].
- [John 21:15] Jesus instructs Peter to ***‘fed My lambs.’***
- Children are not just the church’s future; they are the church’s present.
- JF Kennedy: ***‘Children are the world’s most valuable resource and the best hope for the future.’***
- [Proverbs 22:6] Children are to be trained and educated in the things of God.
- The best time to reach a soul for Christ is when they are a child.
- The older a person gets the harder they become to reach.
- A child is an uncut diamond to be cut and polished and helped to shine.

### 2 The Acorn

- Samuel, like every child is like a tiny acorn, but inside them there is a mighty oak tree.
- Inside the ***‘boy’*** acorn a great prophet was growing whose future prayers would be the nation’s defence from its enemies.

- The same was true of Timothy and of David and even of Jesus.
- We need to see the potential inside the child.
- Children are like flowers: tend them and they'll bloom but stamp on them and they'll wither.
- Children learn by examples - be a good example for them to copy.

### 3 The Battle

- If God can appreciate the value/worth of a child sadly so can Satan.
- [John 10:10/11] The Shepherd and the thief (Satan) have different goals concerning children.
- One is to develop and grow and protect and the other is to corrupt and destroy.
- The followers of Satan want to destroy children too.
- Consider [Exodus 1] and [Matthew 2].
- Today they are killing the child. (Since 1967 over 10 million abortions).
- There are those today who are children's counsellors in doing evil. [2 Chronicles 22:2/3].
- The **'Athaliah's'** have infiltrated the educational system to destroy and corrupt the child.
- They have removed God and truth and replaced it with lies.
- There is a battle taking place for the minds, hearts and souls of our children.
- They are spreading the lies of transgenderism and same sex.
- Our children are being 'groomed' by the state to sin and accept sin.
- The paedophiles lurk in homes, schools, on-line and even in a few churches.
- Consider God's view of those who 'offend' children. [Luke 17:2].
- Nelson Mandela: ***'There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than in the way they treat its children.'***

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