

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF

1 SAMUEL

[PART 7]

THE FAMINE, THE CALL AND THE PRAYER

Reading: **1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10**

Introduction

- [Vs 1] ***“The Word of the Lord was rare (scarce) in those days.”***
- ***‘These days’*** were the days of Israel’s ***‘iron age.’***
- The words of people were plentiful but the Word of the Lord was ***‘rare.’***
- There was a spiritual famine in the land. [Amos 8:11].
- There is a spiritual famine in our nation today.
- Everything but the Word of the Lord being presented.
- ***‘Churches are starving spiritually while overdosing on entertainment.’***
- The minister’s task is to feed the sheep and fish for souls, **NOT** to entertain goats.
- [Ruth 1:6] We want the Lord to visit His people in giving them bread.

1 The Call Of Samuel

- Samuel was approximately 12 years of age at this time.
- Eli is almost blind. He was also blind spiritually.
- Just before dawn Jehovah called Samuel’s name.
- Samuel mistook God’s voice for Eli’s.
- It took the experience of Eli to let Samuel know what was really happening.
- Youthfulness is good but it needs the experience of those who are older.
- Eli teaches Samuel his first prayer. [Vs 9].
- The 4th time God appears in a ***‘theophany’*** and stands in Samuel’s room.

2 The Presence And Voice Of God

- Both the voice and the presence of God are **REAL**.
- God's presence left the holy of holies and by-passed the chambers of Eli and his sons to a child's room.
- If God can't find a man to use, He will find and visit a child.
- Seek the presence of God for yourself and to hear God's voice to you. [Jeremiah 29:12-14].

3 Does God Still Speak Today? Yes

- How does God speak to us today?
- Through dreams/visions. [Acts 2:17/18].
- Through a prophetic utterance.
- Through our conscience.
- God speaks to us primarily through His Word.

4 Samuel's First Prayer

- ***'Speak for your servant hears.'***
- Maybe God is waiting for you to pray this prayer to Him.

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