

Speak, Lord, For Your Servant Hears

1 Samuel 3

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Outline

Context - Chapters 1-2

The priest Eli, and his wayward sons Hophni and Phinehas

Contrast between the established priesthood and the Samuel

God rejects Eli's household

Chapter 3

God calls Samuel to establish him, and Samuel's response

“Speak Lord, for your servant hears”

Eli's Sons vs Samuel

HOPHNI & PHINEHAS

2:12 Now the sons of Eli were worthless men, they did not know the Lord

2:22 Now Eli was very old. He kept hearing all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with women who were serving at the tent of meeting, and he said “Why do you do such things?” **2:25 But they would not listen to the voice of their father”**

SAMUEL

2:11 The boy was ministering to the Lord...

2:21 Samuel grew in the presence of the Lord

2:26 Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and and in favour with the Lord and also with man.

Samuel

“A faithful high priest” 2:35

A type of Christ

After a time of darkness and silence from God, He provides a prophet and priest.

Two tests - Eli and the Philistines (ch 4)

And Samuel grew, and the **Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.**
And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord. And the Lord appeared again at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

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And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord.

Here I am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

“Speak, for your servant hears.”

1 Samuel 3:10
