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**First Samuel****Lesson 7A****“The word and the Messenger”**

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First, Samuel chapter 3. In this chapter, we are going to see the following in verses 11 thru 18:

- In verses 11 to 14, we have The word of the Lord, by which He reveals His will.
- Verses 15 to 18, we have The Messenger of the Lord, by which He communicates His mind.

*First Samuel chapter 3:11-18 I Samuel 3:11-18 (KJV) And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever. And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision. Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I. And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee. And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.*

Let's review. - Eli was the priest of God in those days. Samuel was a young child ministering with him in the temple. Eli had two wicked sons. He knew about their wickedness. Eli was a man that loved God and believed the word of God, but he lacked the courage and conviction to take a stand for God because it would cost him something.

To take a stand for God. It might hurt you or someone else or maybe even your family relations. This is where Eli stood, so God was going to set Eli aside while He raised up someone to take his place. He is called Samuel. God wanted someone that would do what Eli would not do, and that was to declare the truth of His word.

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### The word of the Lord

In verses 11 thru 14, we have the word of the Lord whereby He revealed His will. In verse 11, the Bible says, *And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.* The word of God is not always pleasant to hear. The Israelites said to Isaiah the prophet, *"Prophecy unto us smooth things."* (Isaiah 30:10) The Bible says in the New Testament that in the last days men will have itching ears. (2 Timothy 4:3) They want their ears tickled, stroked. They want to be petted like a pet. But the word of God may sometimes make your ears tingle, or it may make you upset. It may even make you afraid. (Hebrews 4:12) The word of God should bring you under conviction, encourage you, and teach you. (2 Timothy 3:16-17). If it does not, you are either carnal or unsaved.

How often do you hear people say, *"Well, you know, I started reading the Bible, and it didn't make me feel good."* or *"I went to that church, and the preacher read some things in the Bible that just made me uncomfortable."* That is God in His love and mercy saying, *"Let me point out something in your life that could be improved upon."* Amen. Not all of God's word is pleasant to hear, but it is all truth!

Verse 12 says this, *In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house:* When you read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, there is always a warning prior to a judgment. There is always time for you to get it right before a punishment. The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 10:13 He gives us a way of escape.

- *"Cain? What have you done? Cain, where's your brother?"*
- Noah standing on the deck, preaching, *"There's coming a flood. Get in the ark."*
- The angels come into Sodom and Gomorrah saying, *"Get out!"*
- Jonah going into Nineveh saying, *"The judgment of God is going to fall!"*

All through your Bible there is always a **warning** given before a judgment falls. Thank God for His mercy! The Lord tells every man before he is saved about hellfire and the judgment of God.

At the end of 1 Samuel 3:12... *when I begin, I will also make an end.* The Bible says in Philippians 1:6, *he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:* That day you knelt at the cross and asked the Lord Jesus Christ to be your Saviour and to forgive your sins, God began His work in your life. Do you know what God said? **"When I begin, I WILL finish!"** Jesus said "Revelation 1:8 (KJV) *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

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God is the same with His judgments. The day you enter hell fire, **you're there forever!** What God begins inside salvation, He finishes. What God begins in damnation, He finishes. He makes a full end.

People say. *“Well, those promises that God made to Israel... they are never going to be fulfilled. God's finished with Israel”* But God said, “What I began, I will finish.”

What was Eli's problem? 1 Samuel 3:13, *...and he restrained them not.* Mothers, Fathers, listen. That boy who is eighteen years old... if he packs his bags and goes out of your home and lives like the devil, there's nothing you can do about it. If that boy lives under your roof, he might be a wicked sinner that hates God, the Bible, and Church. You may not be able to keep him from hanging out with the wrong crowd on his way to and from school or work, but one thing you can do and God has called you to restrain him. You better make it hard, difficult and painful for him to sin. Tell him NO! If he continues, tell him he is not going to persist in doing those sinful practices while living under your roof. Warn him, then if he does not comply and follow through with the consequence. It will be hard, God knows, but it is His command, and He will help you follow through. Put it in His hands. He may may bring your child to a pig pen where he will eat slop with the pigs, but give him to God, He will do what is best. Read Luke 15:11-24. This same admonition is for the girls also. What if you do follow the Lord's commands, and what if you do not? Proverbs 29:15-16; Proverbs 29:17; Proverbs 13:15; Ecclesiastes 8:11; Proverbs 17:21; Proverbs 23:13-14; Proverbs 22:6

1 Samuel 3:14 *And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.* Over the deadline. There is a deadline, not sure when God's deadline is, but one thing is for sure, you better get right with God before you cross that line or else all the sacrifice, all the offering, all the “I'm sorry” or “please forgive me” in the world won't do you any good.

Let's say you've heard the gospel. You know how to be saved, and yet you're not saved, and Jesus comes right now. Do you know what that Bible says? Your soul is damned. There is no hope for you. You've crossed that deadline. God only knows how many people have walked out of a church service or revival meeting, knowing they needed to get saved, knowing the Holy Spirit of God was dealing with them, and they walked out the door anyway, never to have the spirit of God draw them again to Christ. The day may come when the Lord is nowhere to be found, or when your brain is so far gone that you have lost your desire to even look for the Lord. (Isaiah 55:6)

I Recently read a book called the *Testimonies of the Dying*. It was an eye-opening book. Over and over there were testimonies of pastors at the

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bedside of the dying, begging the person to call out to the Lord to be saved. Meanwhile the dying would be screaming that their feet were on fire and they were in Hell.

If I weren't saved, the first time I heard that gospel, I'd bow my knees and ask Jesus Christ to save my soul. You don't ever know. You just don't know when that deadline will arrive.

### The Messenger of the Lord

1 Samuel 3:15 thru 18. A messenger of the Lord that will tell the truth. Verse 15, the Bible says, (the end of the verse) *And Samuel feared.* Verse 18 says, *And Samuel told.* Samuel feared, and Samuel told. You say, "*I'm afraid to witness! I'm afraid to go out and preach the word... I'm afraid to deal with that man about his soul.*" That's alright. God wants you to do it anyway.

Samuel was afraid. Here was this young boy living with Eli. Eli, an aged high priest of God. The first sermon God ever gave Samuel to preach was "*Go in there and tell Eli that I'm going to kill him and his boys both in the same day*" How's that for a start? Wouldn't you be afraid? Why, if you weren't, there'd be something wrong with you. The Bible says *Samuel feared.*

But Samuel obeyed. Do you know what God wants? He wants men and women that will deny their feelings, deny their emotions, quit making excuses for their short comings, and go ahead and do what God wants them to do whether they feel like it or not, whether they are afraid to or not, whether they are comfortable with it or not. I've heard Christians all my life say, "*I'm just not comfortable doing that.*" Do you think Jesus was comfortable dying on the cross? Do you think Stephen was comfortable getting his brains knocked out? Do you think Paul was comfortable getting his back whipped and torn open? It's not a matter of being comfortable. It's a matter of loving God and being faithful and doing what He said to do! He found that in Samuel. He found someone that denied himself and denied his feelings and went ahead and delivered the message God gave him to deliver.

When God is no longer on speaking terms with a man, God sends a messenger. Why did God have to send Samuel to speak to Eli? Because God and Eli weren't on speaking terms anymore. He had to send Samuel, He had to send a messenger. He had to send a witness to give God's message and God's word to Eli.

Do you know what the Bible says about unsaved men and women out here in the world? Isaiah 59:2 *But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.*

They have no fellowship or relationship with God at all. That has been broken by sin. They are strangers and aliens Ephesians 2:12 *That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and*

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*strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: Jesus said, For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18). It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. (1 Corinthians 1:21b) How shall they be saved unless they hear? How do they hear without a preacher? (Romans 10:14-17) Jesus said, "Ye are my witnesses." (Isaiah 43:10, 12; 44:8) "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel!" (Mark 16:15) God is not going to appear in a vision. God is not going to magically show up in your living room or at the end of your bed at night. God says that He has placed light into every man, that is your conscience, The Holy Spirit will draw you to know the Lord if you show the desire. John 1:4 *In him was life; and the life was the light of men.* John 14:26 *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

## Notes

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## First Samuel Lesson 7A

## The word and the Messenger

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Note: (\*) indicates that you must include scripture with your answers, including the T/F.

1. Explain this phrase in the New Testament as it relates in the Old Testament *“also make a way to escape,”*
2. Why is it so important for a person to give in to the Holy Spirit’s calling when they hear it? \*
3. What was Eli’s biggest problem with the Lord? \*
4. What would have been a good title for Samuel’s first sermon?
5. What can you be sure of when God says something? \*
6. What is an attribute of the modern-day lukewarm believer as spoken about in this lesson?
7. Explain 1 Samuel 3:13 and relate your explanation to a parent in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
8. What is meant by God’s deadline?

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9. What should a believer do when he/she is afraid to do something that God had told him or her to do or not do? \*
10. Explain these verses:
  - a. Isaiah 59:2
  - b. Isaiah 55:6
  - c. Isaiah 43:10
  - d. Isaiah 44:8
  - e. Romans 10:14-17
11. What does the word of the Lord do? \*
12. When you read the Bible and it makes you feel uncomfortable, what is God trying to say to you? \*
13. Throughout the Bible, God proves eternal security repeatedly. Give at least two verses in the Bible Lesson that prove that fact. \*

**True/false**

- If you are not comfortable with telling someone about Jesus Christ, God understands. You can show them through your Christian lifestyle.
- There is no deadline with God.
- God saved me to sing, not to preach. That is for the preacher.
- God is all forgiveness; He will never send anyone to Hell.

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Scripture memorization

Isaiah 59:2; Isaiah 55:6; Romans 10:14

Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)  
any questions?