

Judgment and revelation

Daily reflections and questions following Sunday morning's service – thinking about how God spoke to Samuel in 1 Samuel 3.

1 Monday 29th January

Read through the first two chapters of 1 Samuel to get a feel for Eli and Samuel – and particularly in terms of their relationship with God – at the beginning of this week's story. Try to summarise the key points of what you have found.

From what you have read, how would you characterise the spiritual state of the nation of Israel at this time?

2 Tuesday 30th January

God is persistent in calling to Samuel (vv 4, 6, 8, 10).

What does this tell you about God's character?

Does it challenge you as to whether you are receptive to hearing from God?

3 Wednesday 31st January

The fourth time God calls to Samuel he repeats his name – "Samuel, Samuel". There are other occasions where God – or his angel – calls someone by name twice. What do you think is the significance of this?

Person	Passage	Significance
Abraham	Genesis 22:11	
Jacob	Genesis 46:2	

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Moses	Exodus 3:4	
Samuel	1 Samuel 3:10	
Saul (Paul)	Acts 9:4, 22:7, 26:14	

4 Thursday 1st February

What do you think of Eli's response to God's word through Samuel (v18)? How, if at all, does it challenge you?

5 Friday 2nd February

What do you think is meant by God not letting any of Samuel's words "fall to the ground" (v19)?

How much do we really value God's word to us however we receive it?

6 Saturday 3rd February

Go back over the week and try to summarise what these insights into how God speaks, judges and raises up have meant to you? In what ways will this change how you relate and listen to Him?

Ask God to continue to show you more of himself and more of His purposes for your life.