

GOD'S CALL OF SAMUEL
(1 Samuel 3:1b-4:1a)

I. SAMUEL, ISRAEL'S LAST JUDGE

A. The Birth of Samuel (1:1-2:11)

B. Eli's Evident Decline (2:12-36)

C. God's Call of Samuel (3:1b-4:1a)

1. The fact that there had been little revelation from the Lord was about to _____ with the _____ of Samuel. (3:1)

2. The office of priest had basically _____ the nation and was about to be _____ by the office of _____ in Israel.

- Had there been "prophets" in the past?
- Some *differences* between the office of priest & prophet:
- What were the *requirements* of a prophet? (Deut 18:15-22)
- When we think of a "*call*" what do we mean?

3. God's call to Samuel was _____, coming while he was sleeping near the _____ of God in the tabernacle.

4. Samuel's response was _____ as he _____ to Eli thinking he had called him.

- Why did he respond like this? (3:7)

5. Although dedicated to the Lord from birth & trained in the tabernacle concerning the things of God, Samuel was not yet a _____ in the God of Israel.

- What should this mean to you today!

6. At last, Eli discerned that it was the _____ calling to Samuel!

- What did this mean to Eli!

7. So Samuel returned to his bed, and waited _____ to hear the _____ .

8. His first prophesy would be one of _____ of the very man he had come to love & respect.

9. As a faithful prophet of God, Samuel told Eli _____ & withheld _____!

10. When Eli heard the truth of God's word he responded with, "*It is the _____, Let Him do what seems _____ to Him*"

11. Samuel's call & first task here was both a _____ & a _____ of His call as God's Prophet.

- *What indications do we have that it was a confirmation of him as God's prophet?

12. Note the contrast concerning divine revelation from the Lord being _____ in vs 1, & now, that _____, from Dan in the north, to Beersheba in the south _____ that Samuel had been _____ as the Lord's prophet (3:20-21)

- What have we learned tonight?