

Journey towards the Cross

Topic:

God still speaks to
listening hearts.

Bible portion:

1 Samuel 03:10

Focus:

Samuel: Hearing the voice
of God.



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A daily devotional for lent season

40-Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

Luke 7-8



Have you Read your
Bible today?

Memory Verse for the day

“Your faith has saved
you; go in peace.”

Luke 07:50 (ESV)

Quote

“God is always
speaking, but few are
listening.”

- A. W. Tozer

God's Path of Redemption

God has a plan for Israel and for all humanity to walk on the path of redemption. Throughout history, He chose different people to reveal His will and establish His covenant with His people. God made a covenant with Noah through the sign of the rainbow, with Abraham by promising descendants as numerous as the stars, and with Moses through the Passover and the Ten Commandments. Through these covenants, God showed that He is the true God and that Israel is His chosen people.

Ultimately, God's plan of redemption was fulfilled through Jesus Christ. Through His sacrifice on the Cross, Jesus shed His blood for the forgiveness of sins and rose from the dead. In doing so, He established a New Covenant that invites all people to walk in God's path of salvation.

Insight: Punishment for Not Listening to God

The Ark of the Covenant was kept in the Tabernacle

at Shiloh, where Eli served as priest. He belonged to the tribe of Levi and was a descendant of Aaron. However, Eli's sons, Hophni and Phinehas, did not fear or honor God. They ignored His warnings and even defiled the offerings brought by the people to the Lord. Because of their disobedience and corruption, God's judgment came upon them.

In the same way, when we ignore God's voice and refuse His guidance, we often bring trouble upon ourselves. The season of Lent reminds us to repent, return to God, and spend time reading Scripture, meditating, and praying. It is a time to listen carefully to God's message and apply it in our lives so that we may glorify His name.

Hannah's Role in God's Plan

Hannah, the wife of Elkanah, was chosen by God even though she had no child. In deep sorrow she prayed earnestly and promised that

if God gave her a son, she would dedicate him to the Lord's service. God heard her prayer and had a plan for Samuel even before his birth.

Hannah trusted God completely and faithfully fulfilled her promise by dedicating Samuel to serve the Lord. Though Samuel lived under Eli's care at the tabernacle, Hannah remained devoted to him. Each year she visited him and lovingly brought him a small robe. Hannah's dedication and sacrifice challenge us to consider whether we are faithful in keeping our promises to God.



God Calls Samuel – And He Listens

Samuel grew up serving the Lord under Eli's guidance. One night, when the Lord called him, Samuel responded with a humble heart: *"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening"* (1 Samuel 03:10). Though still young, Samuel listened to God and courageously delivered His message, even when it brought judgment upon Eli's household.

God still calls people today, but many of us are distracted by work, responsibilities, and technology. Like Samuel, we must develop a listening heart that is ready to hear and obey God's voice.

Conclusion

Samuel grew up honoring God and His word (1 Samuel 03:19). He served Israel as a prophet and judge, faithfully guiding the people.

When the Israelites demanded a king, God told Samuel that the people had not rejected Samuel but rejected God as their king. Yet Samuel obeyed God and anointed Saul as the first king of Israel.



Samuel boldly delivered God's message to both the king and the people. His life shows how a listening heart allows God to fulfill His covenant and guide His people toward repentance and redemption.

Do we have the same dedication as Samuel and the same faithfulness as Hannah? May we develop noble character, a listening heart, and a willingness to serve God faithfully.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, give us faithful hearts like Hannah and listening hearts like Samuel, so that we may hear and obey Your voice. Help us to follow Your will each day and glorify Your name through our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Rev. Graham J P Engineer



Prayer Point
Pray for those struggling
with addiction.

