

Shadow King Samuel: Last Judge of Israel

1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a

The sweetest sound in the world is the voice of God.

1. _____ (1-3)

2. _____ (4-10)

How can you tell if God is calling you to do something?

3 affirmations

1. Every Christian has been called to _____
2. Every Christian has been called to _____ and _____
3. Every Christian _____ the voice



Testing an experience (dream, prophecy, impression, inner voice)

1. Your experience should be _____ by Scripture

“Once the mind of God had been reduced to writing, each mortal and individual man, to whom the Scriptures may come, *has God speaking to them no less directly than if he were hearing God speaking with His own voice to them*, exactly as did Adam when he heard the voice of the Lord in the garden. ... It is in no way diminished by being reduced to writing.”¹

2. Your experience should be _____ in community

3. _____ (3:11-4:1a)

Discussion/application questions:

1. Why was Eli under God's judgment? What was it about his parenting that was deficient?
2. What does 1 Samuel 3 have to do with the gospel and Jesus Christ?
3. Are you in need of making a big decision? What can you learn from Samuel's experience of hearing God?

Next week: Sovereign Grace Mission Presentation

¹ John Owen quoted in Bruce Waltke, *Old Testament Theology*, p. 36.