

# FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

## CHAPTER 3:1-21

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### “Hearing the Call of God for Your Life” – Part 2

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INTRODUCTION

*to the text*

*1 Samuel 3:1-21*

## Hearing The Voice of God

Will Often be The Most Challenging Effort of the Christian Experience...

### SPECIFICALLY

Ezekiel 6:1

The Prophet Ezekiel Reports “Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying:”

### DISTINCTLY

Jeremiah 1:13

“And the word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying,”

### CLEARLY

Acts 10:11-13

“And a voice came to me saying”

### FINALLY

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

People will sometimes ask

“Can God Speak through Dreams? - “Will God Speak Through My Friends or how about My  
(enemies)?”

REGARDLESS OF THESE,

All Things Must Be Examined Before an Opened Bible

THE BIBLE MUST BE THE JUDGE OF ALL THINGS

“Does God Want to Speak to Me?”

- Resounding Yes!-

## REVIEWING LAST WEEK

**1.) Desperate Times and Desperate Needs**

**vv. 1-4a**

a.) *The Call will come to the proper person*

b.) *The Call will come at the right time*

**2.) How can I know God's call for me?**

**vv. 4b-8**

a.) *When you're still before Him*

b.) *When the call persists*

c.) *When the call is personal*

**3.) What will His call sound like**

**vv. 9-14**

a.) *You'll know the words*

b.) *The Call will sound wonderfully strange*

c.) *The Call will sound as an alarm*

**4.) What will the call be like?**

**vv. 15-18**

a.) *It Will be Compelling*

b.) *It will be Supernatural*

c.) *It will be of God*

### **Verse 17b-18**

... "It is the LORD.

## The Master and His Message Is Our Vocation

The Call, The Ministry and its Execution  
will be in complete harmony with the Bible

John 14:25-26

"These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

His calling will be overwhelming and trying

# When Viewed in the Flesh

## Internally

- His Calling becomes a Hard Thing, Something I Have to Do,  
Almost a Curse, A Sense of Feeling Alone at it...

## Externally

- I Then Begin to Complain About it, I Become Critical of Others and Cynical of the Work

**My Attitude is Wrong and My Spirit is Backslidden in Heart**

Revelation 2:1-5

"To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: 2 'I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; 3 'and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. 4 'Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 'Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place-- unless you repent.

**His calling will be overwhelming and trying  
When Viewed in the Spirit**

## Internally

- You're Radically Humbled, You're Keenly Aware of all Your Inadequacies, You'll feel like God has Called the Wrong Person to do the Work, but you are elated to be used by God – and sleeping becomes an inconvenience!!!

1 Corinthians 1:26-27

For you see (know) your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

## Externally

- Ministry is Happening, You're Smiling, You're Excited, You're Walking in Faith and Looking for More to Do in His Name

## “Hearing the Call of God for Your Life”

**5.) There will be no Other Call**

**vv.19-21**

**a.) One call tells all**

19 So Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground

## The Calling to Ministry is Progressive

And The Gift(s) That God Has Given You Will Increase In Effectiveness

Romans 11:29

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

# Samuel's Ministry Grew More and More Powerful With Time

Ephesians 4:11-13

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." 10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

***There will be no other call !***

## ***b.) The Call will be continually confirmed***

20 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the LORD.

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The More Samuel Did – The More God Blessed

The More Samuel Spoke – The More God Confirmed

**Start Doing More for Him – Grow The Most**

Hebrews 5:14

...those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern

## ***c.) The Called will be Blessed***

21 Then the LORD appeared again in Shiloh. For the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

**Samuel Found God Daily  
Through the Word of God**

Romans 1:5-7

Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, 6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; 7 To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Lord is More Interested in the Missionary Than He Is in The Mission  
He is more interested in the Church than He is in the Building**

**He will Never Sacrifice the Servant for the Service**

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**is the most respected nation on earth for this**

The United States Will Launch Submarines, Aircraft, Satellites and Thousands of Soldiers just to Rescue One Man that is Down or Captured. I was told by a U.S. Marine that the enemy would rather let a Marine escape Capture, than to take him prisoner because "One Marine will Bring On an Entire Nation"

**The Church Needs to be Like That**

Galatians 6:1-2

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**The Value of One Christian Cannot Be Measured.**  
**Brother to Brother, Yours in Life and Death**

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

**THE LAW OF DIMINISHING RETURN**

IN the earthly senses, in time, THINGS dim AND FADE AWAY

Mark 13:31

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

**THE LAW OF INCREASING RETURN**

IN the heavenly sense, in time, THINGS increase AND ARE FIRM

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

1Thessalonians 4:10

...But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more;

***The "Called" will be Blessed***

Genesis 49:22-24

"Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall. 23 With bitterness archers attacked him; they shot at him with hostility. 24 But his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed limber, because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel,

# **We Have to Be Blessed By God – Before We Can Bless Anyone Else**

I Remember March 30<sup>th</sup> 1981 I Started a New Job at BAXTER HEALTHCARE in Newport Beach  
The Job was Beyond Me...

Chuck Smith Was Teaching on Daniel Chapter 1

Daniel 1:9

Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill among the Kings officials

While Supervising a Laboratory, The Personnel Department  
Would Send Me Other Employees to be Counseled.

I REMEMBER WHEN IT WAS - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1989

I REMEMBER WHERE: IT WAS, PASTOR CHUCK SMITH'S OFFICE

He prayed, "Lord, I Ask Your Blessings Upon Jack and the Work  
that You Have Called him to Do in Chino Hills

I Remember On a Saturday Night in June, 1982

Pastor Don McClure of Calvary Chapel San Jose, his Father in Law, Phil Anderson laid his hands on me and began to  
prophesy what God was going to do with my life...

**I Have Been Blessed By God  
To serve His people – it's my joy**

**And God Wants Us to Succeed**

On My Ordination, Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa  
Put These Two Verses on It...

John 15:5

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you  
can do nothing.

John 15:16

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that  
your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

**“Hearing the Call of God for Your Life”**

Jude 1:21

Stay always within the boundaries where God's love can reach and bless you. Wait patiently for the eternal life that our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy is going to give you.

Ask God for Big Things – Impossible Things

Read the Bible – It's About Impossible Things

Listen for the Calling of God – To Do Impossible Things

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