

# Jesus, I Hear You!

TEXT: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

vs. 10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

## Spiritual Sleep (vs. 1-3)

1 Samuel 3:1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision. 2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; 3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;

vs. 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

Eli is going blind. There's no open vision from God. A Prophecy from God in those days was scarce. The lamp of God ( a symbol of God's presence and revealing of truth) is about to go out.

This gives a sense of urgency, but for Samuel this was normal. It was all he ever new. It was night time, and it was only natural to have been asleep. The light going out was usual as it was light every morning and though they were suppose to burn till morning, it just was common sense that as you neared morning some of the flames might go out **ALTHOUGH** he did notice there seem to be one that **NEVER WENT OUT**.

What was happening around him: [FLICKER]

- **Inconsistencies:** Eli held a standard for himself, but was loose with his boys
- Eli had many memories of SPIRIT OF GOD, he could tell

Samuel ministered unto the Lord **BUT DIDN'T YET KNOW GOD'S VOICE FOR HIMSELF**. Somewhat **FAMILIAR** with the things of God.

- Played the drums
- Sang the songs

Pay attention to Samuel for something **AWESOME** is about to happen to him.

## What does God's Voice Sound like?

- Speaks through authority (others)
- His order in nature

## Spiritual Awakening -- God's Voice

Eli was on his way out, but Samuel is about to be **BORN AFRESH!**

He's not dead, he only sleeps! -- Jesus about lazareth

1Sa 3:4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. 6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. 8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

Here is a PROCESS to LEARNING what to do and to recognize God's voice.

# Spiritual Response -- Our Response

1Sa 3:9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

Be Sensitive and guard that sensitivity to the Spirit of God.

Respond Immediately, Pray NOW.

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