

SERMON NOTE: Speak LORD

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Bible Ref: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 NIV

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."



Are we or do we listen to GOD?

Samuel was dedicated by the mother Hannah to serve the LORD

He was brought to the temple at age of 3-5

He was about 12 when this happened, that state that he grown in stature in favour of GOD n man.

1 Samuel 2:26 NIV

And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the Lord and with people.

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He grown close to the LORD.

Eli, the high priest failed to take stern action against his 2 sons, Hophni and Phinehas

A prophecy was given to his household, but no indication of repentance.

In those days the word of LORD was rare, there were not many visions.

Judges 21:25 NIV

In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.

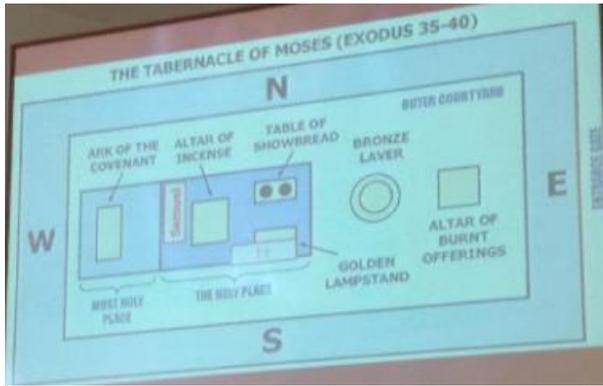
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A time of lawlessness

Vision-revelation was rare

Because no one was listening





The above indication of where Eli and Samuel laid is Rev Gan's opinion.

Hearing GOD when he speaks.

Spiritual fullness blocked is from hearing GOD
Humility and obedience is required to enable to hear GOD, needs Discernment, guidance and to be tuned with the Spirit.

Jeremiah 6:10 NIV

To whom can I speak and give warning? Who will listen to me? Their ears are closed so they cannot hear. The word of the Lord is offensive to them; they find no pleasure in it.

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1 Samuel 3:19 NIV

The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground.

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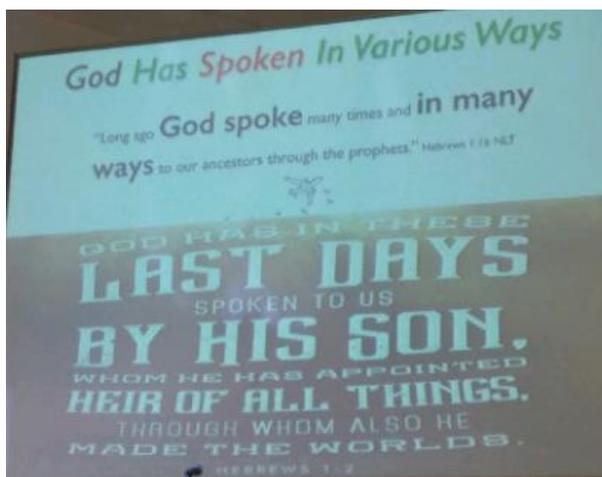
Now-Does GOD still speak today?

Rev Gan shared 2 incidents which he believed GOD spoke to him.

GOD Whispered to us in our pleasure, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains. By C.S. Lewis

So the question should be

Do you, can you or will you Listen to GOD?



John 10:27-30 NIV

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

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The Voice of JESUS is literally the Bible, especially the New Testament.

Colossians 3:16 NIV

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

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John 14:26 NIV

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and

will remind you of everything I have said to you.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/jhn.14.26.NIV>

1 Timothy 3:16 NIV

Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

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1. GOD is Always at work around us.

2. GOD pursues a continuous loving relationship with us that's real and personal. 3. GOD invites us to become involved with HIM in HIS work.

4. GOD speak by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the Church to reveal HIMSELF, HIS Purposes and HIS Ways.

5. GOD invitation for you to work with HIM always lead to crisis of belief that requires faith and action.

6. You must make major adjustment in your life to join GOD in what HE is doing. The major adjustment maybe just a hardcore habits.

7. We will then able to follow GOD closely.

