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History & Heritage of the Bible

Sunday Night—Session One

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CONNECTION: ESTABLISHING A SPIRITUAL MINDSET

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Thesis:

The Bible is precious today because it is the only way we get direct, special revelation from God.

I. THE MOMENT OF THE CONNECTION, 1-4

- A. A Dear Lad, 1
- B. A Decrepit Leadership, 2
- C. A Dim Light, 3

II. THE METHOD OF THE CONNECTION, 5-9

- A. Call #1: Confusion, 4-5
Is it man calling or is it God?
- B. Call #2: Uncertainty, 6-7
God says, "You have what I'm looking for; do I have what you're looking for?"
- C. Call #3: Mercy, 8-9

Pastoral involvement helps you perceive what to do

II. THE MANIFESTATION OF THE CONNECTION, 10

HOW GOD REVEALED HIMSELF, 1 SAM 28:6

- A. **Directly** through dreams and night visions, 1 Sam 3
- B. **Audibly** through prophets who preached, Jer 36
- C. **Visually** through the Urim and Thummim, 1 Sam 23

TYPES AND SHADOWS IN 1 SAM 3

Eli = the religious establishment that has lost sight of the word of God
Ere the lamp of God went out in the fourth watch of the night = the church age, right before the rapture

2 Pet 1:19 We have also a **more sure word** of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Shiloh means bringer of peace and prosperity.

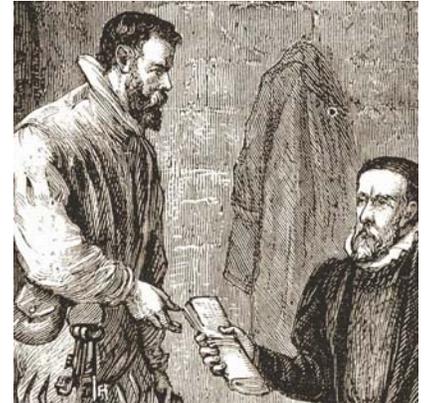
Point 1. Samuel was a believer, but he did not know the Lord like he needed to, because he did not know where to find the word of God like he needed it.

FIVE CRITICAL QUESTIONS THAT ENABLE YOU TO ANSWER YOUR CALL

1. What is the word of God?
 2. Where can I find it?
 3. Is it available in my language?
 4. Are differences in translations important?
 5. Which Bible is the word of God?
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Point 2. If you want to get an "open vision" you have to submit your ideas, opinions and attitude to what God is going to tell you

I Samuel 3:1-10



I. THREE FUNDAMENTAL ASSUMPTIONS

- A. The Bible is the mind of God for man today
- B. The Bible is self-defining and self-interpreting
- C. The Bible itself is able to define matters of textual criticism, biblical authority and Bible translation

II. THREE CRITICAL SOURCES

- A. The evidence provided in Scripture
- B. The evidence from existing manuscripts
- C. Observing God's hand in history

III. THREE KEY ISSUES

A. BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

Three Key Questions

- 1. Does God have the ability to inspire his word to men by doing it through men without error?
- 2. Does God have the ability to preserve in history the words he inspired by the Holy Ghost?
- 3. Does God have the ability to bring his word into our language in such a way it is authoritative?

B. SCRIPTURAL ACCURACY

How accurate do we have to be in translating before we can say we have the word of God?

C. TRANSLATIONAL AVAILABILITY

If the words are the key to the Bible, where do I go in English or Spanish to find God's words.

SIX THINGS GOD IS LOOKING FOR FROM THIS CONFERENCE, 1 SAM 2:35

- 1. A faithful priest, Matt 25:21
- 2. Someone who lets God's heart possess his or her life
- 3. Someone who has God's mind after they get God's heart
- 4. Someone who will build his or her life by the Bible
- 5. Someone who will work for the Lord alone
- 6. Someone who will not drop his words, 1 Sam 3:19

Point 3. Building faithfulness in your life starts with your attitude toward the word of faith in the Bible.

Rom 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

Ezek 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Point 4. Since Samuel made God's word his word, Samuel's word became God's word to the people who needed to hear.

2 Cor 3:2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

○ SOUL, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's a light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

His Word shall not fail you—He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

—Helen H. Lemmel, 1922

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CONNECTION	Sunday, Feb 24	Establishing a Spiritual Mindset, <i>1 Sam 3:1-10</i>
DIRECTION	Monday, Feb 25	Examining God's Hand in History, <i>2 Pet 1:21</i>
PERFECTION	Tuesday, Feb 26	Evidence and the Alternatives, <i>1 Sam 14:24-30</i>