



I Samuel

**A Voice
in the Night**



The Importance of God's Word

- A spiritual black out in Israel (3:1)
 - God is angry with the priests (Ch. 2)

*“Man cannot live by bread alone
but by every word that comes
from the mouth of God...”*

(Deut 8:3)

- The good news: God is speaking again...



The Importance of God's Word

1. We need God's Word to know God

- This is how God reveals himself (v7, 21)
- God's Word is the agent of spiritual life:

*"He chose to give us birth through
the word of truth."*

(James 1:18)



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God is not playing hide and seek

- He sent prophet after prophet
- Finally He came himself (Jn 1:14)

Note God's patience – He speaks 4 times!



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“We must pay careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.”

- Heb 2:1



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2. God's people need to speak God's Word

- Samuel's dilemma (v11-14)
 - It's a tough message of judgment
 - But he is God's middle man
 - And God has a wider ministry for him

❖ v18: *"Samuel told Eli everything."*



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2. God's people need to speak God's Word

- God's looking for reporters not editors
- We are all God's middle men:



*“God has committed to us the message
of reconciliation. We are Christ’s
ambassadors as though God were
making his appeal through us.”*

(2 Cor 5:19-20)



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2. God's people need to speak God's Word

- ❖ Are we willing to “*speak the truth in love*” to one another? (Eph 4:15)



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- ❖ God's people need to speak God's Word

