

GOD'S CALL

Introduction: God _____ in calling people into His service. The question is whether or not they are _____ to His call.

- I. Hear God _____: BE LISTENING (1 Sam. 3:1-10)
- A. Samuel was _____ serving God in a spiritually dry time.
 - B. Eli was elderly and his eyesight was _____.
 - C. God calls each of His children by _____.
 - D. God knows us _____.
 - E. Samuel had not received _____ words from God prior to this.
 - F. God will keep calling for a _____ (Heb. 4:7; Ro. 1:24, 26).
 - G. Older believers are to teach the _____ about responding to God.
 - H. You need to be _____ for God to speak to you (Ps. 85:8; Hab. 2:1).
- II. Herald God's _____: BE LOYAL (1 Sam. 3:11-18)
- A. Samuel's first message was not a _____ one.
 - B. A message of judgment should bring _____ (Ps. 119:120).
 - C. God holds us accountable for how we _____ our families.
 - D. Eli was lenient in the moral _____ he had for his sons.
 - E. He and his sons would be _____ from the Tabernacle service.
 - F. Samuel was hesitant to _____ the message to Eli.
 - G. Nevertheless he was sure to declare the _____ message.
 - H. We should not be _____ to share anything from God's Word.
- III. Have God _____: BE LOWLY (1 Sam. 3:19-21)
- A. God showed the nation _____ He was now using.
 - B. The _____ was God's official spokesman from then.
 - C. When we are faithful to God He will be _____ to us.
 - D. Speak God's Word and you will never go _____.
 - E. God continued to _____ to Samuel from then on.
 - F. Today, God speaks to His _____ through His Word (Heb. 1:1,2).

Conclusion: "His established commission from God, and established reputation with the people, gave him a great opportunity of shining as a light in Israel. When old Eli was rejected, young Samuel was established; for God will never leave himself without a witness nor his church without a guide" (M. Henry).