



Summer Sermon Series
Developing Your Five Senses

The Ear: The Sense of HEARING



Lesson Four: Speak Lord, Your Servant Hears





1 Samuel 3:1-9
Scripture Lesson

Now the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.

And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the LORD where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down, that the LORD called Samuel.

And he answered, “Here I am!” So, he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” And he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” And he went and lay down. Then the LORD called yet again, “Samuel!” So, Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” He answered, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” (Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.) And the LORD called Samuel again the third time.

So, he arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you did call me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. Therefore, Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, ‘Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.’” So, Samuel went and lay down in his place.



**Three Things to Keep in Mind
When God is Speaking:**



**1. God Never
Contradicts His Word.**

**Luke 21:33, “Heaven and earth
will pass away, but My Words
will never pass away”**

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2. Check Your Inner Voice.

Jeremiah 17:9, The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?

1 John 4:1, “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”



**3. Saturate Your Heart with
God's Word.**

Psalm 37:31, The Law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

Proverbs 4:4, He taught me also, and said unto me, “let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.”



**Four Observations about
Hearing God's Voice:**



**1. We Must Learn the Voice of
God.**


The more time we spend intimately with God and His Word, the easier it is to recognize His voice and His leading in our lives.

Two Ways God Speaks:

- 1. His Still Small Voice (I Kings 19:12)**
- 2. His Written Word (II Timothy 3:16)**



2. God is Patient with Our Deafness.



**3. Guidance from Others
Helps Us to Discern God's
Voice.**

1 Samuel 3:8-9, Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. Therefore, Eli said to Samuel, ‘Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, “Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.”’ So, Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Two Points About Guidance:

- 1. There is no Shame in Asking for Guidance.**
- 2. Be Willing to Help Others Understand the Scriptures.**

Hebrews 5:12, Though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food.

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4. Obedience Follows Listening

**“Speak, LORD, for Your
Servant Hears.”**

Don't let the loud noises of the world drown out God's voice in your life.

When your conscience is clean, you are in a better place to hear from God.

John 15:15, “No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.”

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