

Touched by the Throne
Samuel, a Man Who Heard God's Voice

I. Introduction

II. Samuel Hears God

- A. 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NLT)
- B. 1 Samuel 3:7 (NLT)
 - 1. This is the first time Samuel had heard God speak.
 - 2. All born again followers of Jesus Christ should be hearing from God!
- C. John 10:27 (NASB)
- D. John 10:14 (NIV)

III. God Will Speak to You!

- A. We hear God through His Word, the Bible.
 - 1. Joshua 1:8 (NASB)
 - 2. Hebrews 4:12 (NASB)
- B. We hear God through prayer.
 - 1. Samuel's mother, Hannah, had discovered that prayer opens the way for God to work in our specific situations!
 - 2. "Prayer catapults us onto the frontier of the spiritual life. Of all the spiritual disciplines prayer is the most central because it ushers us into perpetual communion with the Father. Meditation introduces us to the inner life, fasting is an accompanying means, study transforms our minds, but it is the discipline of prayer that brings us into the deepest and highest work of the human spirit. Prayer--secret, fervent, believing prayer--lies at the root of all personal godliness." (William Carey)
 - 3. When you pray you are having a conversation with God.
 - 4. God loves to hear us talk to Him!

IV. How Do We Prepare Ourselves to Hear God?

- A. Schedule a daily "quiet time" with God.
 - 1. Psalm 46:10a (NIV)
 - 2. Mark 1:35 (NIV)

3. Luke 5:16 (NIV)
 4. The goal of your quiet time is being alone with God.
 5. Having a quiet time takes work!
- B. Develop a "Secret History" with God.
1. Matthew 6:6 (NIV)
 2. What is the reward of developing a secret history with God? We will experience His presence!
 - a. Psalm 16:11 (NASB)
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NASB)
- C. Obey God!
1. If we desire to hear God we need to obey God!
 2. To not obey God is sin!
 - a. Psalm 66:18 (NIV)
 - b. 1 Samuel 3:10b (NIV)
 3. Samuel prayed to God, and when he heard God, he obeyed God.
 4. "Prayer should always bring us to a place of surrender." (Brian T. Anderson)
 5. Followers of Jesus are disciples of Jesus!
 - a. Disciple--Greek means "learner"
 - b. James 1:22 (NIV)
 6. If it is God speaking to you it will always line up with the Bible. Always!

V. Conclusion