

“Samuel-What Can We Glean?”

1 Sam. 3:1-10

Introduction

- I. There are many examples, both positive and negative, in the lives of those in the past.
- II. Samuel, a prophet of God, is a good study for Christians.
 - A. Samuel was dedicated to serve God early in life.
 - B. Along with that, he was willing to listen to God, to be different from the world around him, and to serve God regardless of the situation.

Discussion

- I. Samuel was willing to listen to God.
 - A. Samuel was called to be a prophet of God (1 Sam. 3:1-21).
 - B. Samuel realized that he was a servant (1 Sam. 3:10; Rom. 10:17; James 1:22-25).
 - C. Samuel knew that God's Word must be taught (1 Sam. 3:11-19; 2 Tim. 4:1-2; Matt. 4:4; Acts 20:27).
- II. Samuel was willing to be different from the world around him (1 Sam. 4:6-8).
 - A. Often the world will want God's people to conform to their standards.
 - B. Samuel was unwilling to allow the world to determine his position (cf. Isa. 5:20; Jer. 6:16).
 - C. Instead of going with the world, Samuel prayed to God (cf. Acts 12:5).
- III. Samuel was willing to serve God regardless of the situation (1 Sam. 15:13-23).
 - A. Obedience is required of God's people (Heb. 5:8-9).
 - B. Most people are disobedient (1 Pet. 2:7-10).
 - C. Today, God still expects faithful obedience regardless of the scenario (Matt. 7:21-23; 1 John 5:2-3).

Conclusion

- I. The life of Samuel is a great study for examples to the Christian.
- II. May we strive to listen to God, be willing to be different from the world, and serve God regardless of the situation.