

You Need God's Word

1 Samuel 3

Introduction: *Job 23:12, "I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food."*

Proverbs 29:19; Isaiah 1:1; Daniel 1:17; Habakkuk 1:1

The Two Sins of Eli's Sons:

1. They despised the offering of the LORD.
2. They had immoral relations with the women who tended the worship center.

Key Truth: God's Word is His gracious gift to a world languishing in the black darkness of sin.

*Jeremiah 1:4; Isaiah 2:1; Ezekiel 1:3; Hosea 1:1; Jonah 1:1; Micah 1:1;
Amos 1:3; Obadiah 1:1; Nahum 1:2*

I. God Judges People through Silence

Amos 8:11-12; Matthew 4:4

In the days of Eli it was rare because God was not speaking frequently. In our day it can be rare because of problems on the receiving end.

Isaiah 6:9-10; Mark 4:9; James 1:21; 1 Peter 2:1-3

II. God Blesses People through Speaking

The underlying assumption of needing to hear the voice of God, apart from Scripture, for direction and guidance is that the Bible is not sufficient to guide you.

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:93, 111, 130-131

III. We Serve God by Speaking His Word

God wanted Samuel to have to speak these difficult words to Eli.

1 Corinthians 1:22-24; Colossians 3:16

Admonish = to counsel someone to avoid or stop an improper course of conduct.

Isaiah 55:11