

## Is that You Lord?

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I ran across a website that stopped me for a minute and as I read about it, I wondered if I was the only one that sometimes wonders..... is that really You Lord?

I know that there are so many things in this world - in our lives that fight for our attention, but when we are actively pursuing the Lord and desiring to know His will for our lives, how do we make certain that it's Him we are hearing and not just our own pre-conceived idea because we wanted to hear something so bad that we fabricated it all in our mind!?

We all know the most obvious answer to "Is that You Lord?" and that is that we know the Lord would never tell us to sin or go against the truth of His word. However, there are dozens of other times when it's operating in the prophetic or reaching out to someone in need where you may find yourself checking and double checking yourself.

Let me first reassure you by saying there are COUNTLESS moments in the Bible that talk about the failures of Godly people (Adam, Abraham, Moses, David, Paul, Peter) who just didn't get it right in the physical - tangible moment of the opportunity, however, the Lord in His boundless grace managed to bring them to another place where their hearts bowed to their spirit-man giving way to the miraculous. What you hear from the Lord could very well bring much needed refreshing revelation to someone else as the scripture below states that the word of the Lord came at a dry and rare time.

I'm not commending our failures, but I believe we need to be in a place where we can make them and not feel less of a person because of it. When we do share what we've heard the Lord say - we need to do so in faith that the Lord will back it up. We talked about praying last week and after we prayed, giving the Lord the opportunity to speak to our hearts and lead us in our day. The story of Samuel comes to mind and I find myself wanting to challenge myself to be disciplined enough to wait on the Lord in order to hear from Him. In closing, reading the following story of Samuel's first encounter listening to the Lord, I encourage you to look at Samuel's responses and have a moment of reflection to see if there are any areas where you could challenge yourself to grow. Samuel was:

- In a position within the tabernacle of God – so he was already in a place where God’s presence was abiding.
- He was eager to run to answer the voice of the Lord
- He shared what the Lord had revealed to him
- He grew and his reputation preceded him and people knew he heard from the Lord

Samuel 3 – 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. <sup>2</sup> 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, <sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.” <sup>7</sup> (Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.) <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel answered, “Speak, for Your servant hears.”

<sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Samuel. “Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. <sup>12</sup> In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup> And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.” <sup>15</sup> So Samuel lay down until morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision.

<sup>16</sup> Then Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son!” He answered, “Here I am.” <sup>17</sup> And he said, “What is the word that the LORD spoke to you? Please do not hide it from me. God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that He said to you.” <sup>18</sup> Then

Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let Him do what seems good to Him." <sup>19</sup> So Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the LORD. <sup>21</sup> Then the LORD appeared again in Shiloh. For the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

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