

# **The Primacy of God's Word**

## **1 Samuel 3:1-4:1**

### **1. The produce of God's word: 1 Samuel 3:1**

There was a famine of God's word in Israel because the leader did not obey God's word and put comfort before furthering God's word.

When we prioritize reading, obeying, hearing, and spreading God's word through the power of God then our areas of influence will bear the good fruit of obedience.

Questions:

- a) How could a family or a marriage that is falling apart be renewed by even one person involved living according to God's word?
- b) What differences do you notice about the Israelites when they had a good king and when they had a wicked king? (Manasseh vs Josiah for example)

### **2. The promises of God's word: 1 Samuel 3:2-18**

Samuel faithfully delivers a promise of God's impending judgment to Eli, his descendants, and all Israel that Eli still doesn't take seriously enough.

God is faithful to accomplish His word; both blessings and punishments.

Questions:

- a) What are some bad results in our society because of disobedience and rejection of God's word?

### **3. The perseverance in God's word: 1 Samuel 3:19-4:1**

Because Samuel was faithful to speak God's word to Eli, and to faithfully follow God's word and deliver it, Israel was hearing God's word again.

Let us ask God to change our routines, our attitude towards God's word (like Psalm 119 to view it as better than gold or dessert), and to give us the grace to joyfully share it.

Questions:

- a) What does it mean to consider God's word sufficient for everything in our lives?
- b) What are helpful disciplines that we could add to our lives so that we could read and obey God's word more?

**Main point:**

God's word highly regarded, obeyed, and taught leads to those in our influence being affected by God's word, leads us to take seriously what is promised in God's word, and leads us to persevere in a life characterized by God's blessing.