1 Samuel 3-5

David Duncan · 1 Samuel 3:1–5:12 · Series: **Bible Class - 1 Samuel**

INTRODUCTION

- Got some interesting things to talk about and some challenging things to talk about.

1 By Strength No Man Shall Prevail

1 Samuel 2:9–10; 1 Samuel 2:35; Isaiah 7

- Based upon the context, it appears that she had in mind the corrupt priesthood that was having such a negative influence on the nation of Israel.
- Then I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart, and in my mind.
- The focus point is God's kingdom is not stopped and fallen because of the priesthood.

2 The Word of the Lord Was Rare in Those Days

1 Samuel 3:1–10; 1 Samuel 2:27

- 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.
- Sometimes when people reject God, he doesn't continue to send them.
- And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy. This tells us something about Eli. He understood how God worked.
- Go lie down, and it shall be if he calls you, that you must say, speak, Lord, for your servant hears.

3 He Did Not Restrain Them

1 Samuel 3:11–18; Ezekiel 18; Hebrews 10:25–26

- Because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them.
- The sons are responsible for their own vile and corrupt behavior. The father is not guilty of the sins of the son.
- There's no sacrifice for sins because sacrifices are only for those who repent.
- So, yes, he has failed, and he accepts the judgment of God.

4 Why Has the Lord Defeated Us?

1 Samuel 3:19–21

- They recognize this was a defeat from the Lord.
- They went out without consulting the Lord.
- It's really a self-examination, isn't it? It's a recognition that if God is with me, I should be able to be victorious.
- God is with those who are with him.

5 Let the Ark Save Us

Jeremiah 7:1–14

- Let us bring the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord from Shiloh to us that when it comes among us.
- It doesn't say God, does it? It may save us.
- Do not trust in these lying words, saying, The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are these.
- God does not accept those who reject him and then try to gain his favor.

6 Dagon Fallen on Its Face Before the Ark

1 Samuel 5:1–12

- The symbol of his presence has been captured, but he has not abandoned his people.
- And there was Dagon fallen on its face before the Ark of the Lord.
- He has not left the nations in ignorance, he has told them who he is, and he demonstrates through power who he is.
- It's clear that God is saying to the people of the Philistines. I am more powerful than Dagon.

THE CHALLENGE

Read verse 9. Read it very carefully and look at the last line specifically.

MY NOTES