

# **HILLTOP HOUSE OF PRAYER - SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

## **MESSENGRERS OF REFORMATION PART 2 – SAMUEL LISTENS TO GOD**

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### **Messengers of Reformation - Samuel**

#### **I. A CHILDREN’S REVIVAL**

- A. Last week I spoke about a download God began to give me very early in the morning of 1/22 about what was in His heart regarding children and youth. As I dictated it on my phone in notes, He began to say: ***“Focus on messages of young people God used in the Bible; Joseph, Josiah, King David, Jeremiah, Daniel, etc. You are to raise up an army of children and youth who are passionate followers of Jesus and who are reformers, history makers, trend setters – people who set the standard for the next generation.*** Then He said: ***“And mother’s and father’s of the coming awakening [spiritual revolution] of righteousness of God-fearing youth!”***
- B. Then we all saw a recent powerful prophetic word given by Cindy Jacobs where God says, ***“There is going to be a children’s revival that will become a children’s movement. Worship songs will be written by the children, and a special emphasis on worship will take place that will bless the whole church... dreams and visions for 5 year old, 6 year olds... God is going to begin to show your children things... the prophetic is going to flow, its going to be a supernatural school! It’s not going to be ‘business as usual’”.***
- 17“...in the last days...I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams...<sup>20</sup>before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.” (Acts 2:17-20)***
- C. Last Friday night was so powerful as we hosted Fort Night where this place was filled with worshipping and praying children (and parents) going after God. We must embrace what God is saying and doing in this hour! We must steward the move of God!

#### **II. HANNAH’S PRAYER AND VOW**

- A. You can’t talk about hearing from God without looking at the life of Samuel who was called by God as a mere child. Samuel was no ordinary child. His mother Hannah, was unable to conceive, so she prayed to God. It says, ***“She was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish. Then she made a vow and said, ‘O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant, and remember me... then I will give Him to the Lord...’”*** (1Sam. 1:10-11).
- B. Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli the priest (1Sam. 2:11). 2:18 says, ***“Samuel ministered before the Lord, even as a child, wearing a linen ephod”.*** The Ephod was a garment the priest wore in serving God.

#### **III. SAMUEL MINISTERS TO THE LORD**

- A. The call of God came to Samuel as he ministered to the Lord. It was in a hard season spiritually.
- “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, (1 Sam. 3:1-3).*** Samuel was close to the ark. He found his resting place in God’s presence!

- B. God moves when times are desperate, and He moves through the strangest methods, and the most unusual vessels! God can do anything, and He does it to confound the wise (even in the church). The minute you think you got God figured out, He decides to do it a different way. Don't ever put God in a box. *God brings to birth new revivalists at a time when spiritual revelation is rare and oil supplies are depleted.*

***“For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. <sup>27</sup> But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; <sup>28</sup> and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, <sup>29</sup> that no flesh should glory in His presence.” (1Cor. 1:26-29)***

#### IV. SAMUEL LEARNS THE VOICE OF GOD

- A. It was during the normal course of life that God called out to Samuel. Samuel immediately says, “*Here I am*” (3:4). God’s voice comes across as a familiar voice. In fact, Samuel runs to Eli thinking he called him. Samuel says, “*Here I am for you called me*” (v.5). God calls Samuel 3 times. Eli finally *perceived that the Lord had called the boy*, and tells Samuel to answer, “*Speak Lord for Your servant hears*” (v.8-9).
- B. The voice of God calls out to a generation who will take time to listen. Parents train your children to discern the voice of God. Teach them to take time to listen. I love the idea of the “prayer caves” that the children do, and listening to what God tells them.

***“He awakens me morning by morning; He awakens my ear to hear as the learned... Your ears shall hear a voice behind you, saying, this is the way, walk in it, whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left” (Isa. 50:4, 30:21).***

- C. Dick Eastman talks about the importance of listening prayer. God speaks when we listen!
- “Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways.<sup>33</sup> Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain it. <sup>34</sup> Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors. <sup>35</sup> For whoever finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the LORD (Pro. 8:32-36).*** Listens, Watching, Waiting – Keys to learning to hear the voice of God!
- D. This week, I want us to learn the art of Listening, watching, and waiting like Samuel learned to do. God speaks in a still and small voice that can easily be drowned out by other distractions. Everyone, find your “prayer caves” and ask God to help you hear Him.
- “He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty” (Psalm 91:1).***
- E. Give God your focus and your thoughts. Wait on Him. He will lead you and direct you to lead a nation back to God. He will use you to influence the seven centers of power. Parents -- don't underestimate what God will say to your kids in this season. Help steer them into the purposes of God, even at a very young age. Like Hannah in the Bible, treat them as gifts from God that He wants to use to bring the Word of the Lord to this distracted generation!