

Called by God

1 Samuel 3

Act One: A Terrible Tragedy (vs1-3)

- **“the word of the Lord was rare” v1**
Prov 29.18
the Word must be central to worship
- **the worst kind of famine**
Amos 8.11-12; Mat 4.4
- **the lamp had almost gone out**
Psalms 119.105,130; 43.3
Ex 27.21
but Samuel drew close to God Jas 4.8

Act Two: A Puzzling Mystery (vs 4-11)

- **a call in the night - but not Eli**
Samuel, quick to respond v5
- **It was the Lord calling! – by name**
Samuel, needed to know God v10
personally, through God’s word
Luke 24.27,32

- **when God speaks - we must listen**

Act Three: An Awful Calamity (vs 11-14)

- **grave judgment to fall vs 11-14**
2 Kings 21.12; Jer 19.3
Eli had failed to act James 4.17
- **God seeks to refine us 1 Pet 4.17**
Heb 10.31; Mal 2.17-3.4

Act Four: An Uncomfortable

Communiqué (3.15-4.1)

- **prophets have to tell it straight**
without fear or favour vs 17-18
- **Eli – passive acceptance v18**
no remorse, repentance
Jonah 3.6-9
we must heed the Word!
Heb 2.1-3; 3.7-8,12,15; 4.1-2
- **Samuel – from strength to strength**
as true prophet for God

Treasure and heed God's Word!