

This Little Light of Mine

1Samuel 3:1-4:1a

Key verse 3:19

1. What is the time of the young Samuel like (3:1-2)?¹ What is the major problem in those times?
2. What does it imply that “the lamp of God had not yet gone out” (3a)? How did Samuel get to where he is now (3b)?² What is God’s bigger plan through him?³
3. Describe God’s call of Samuel (4-10a)? What is young Samuel’s attitude to God (10)? What can we learn about God who calls the young Samuel?
4. What are God’s words to Samuel (11-14)? What does Samuel do with them (15-18)? Why does God give such a difficult mission to him upon his calling?⁴
5. In what way does Samuel grow (19)? What does it mean “the Lord...let none of his words fall to the ground”? What is the result of Samuel’s ministry of the word of God (20-21, 4:1a)? How can we shine the light of God into the dark world?⁵

¹ Cf. 1Sam 2:12,17, 22-25; Judg 21:25

² Cf. 1Sam 1:10-11,28, 2:11,26

³ Cf. 1Sam 2:35

⁴ Cf. 1Sam 2:30

⁵ Cf. Ps 119:105; 1Tim 4:12; 2Tim 2:15, 4:1-2