

**“Listen For Yourself”** by Kirk Hunt

*For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.*

1 Samuel 3:13 KJV

Read also 1 Samuel 3: 1–15

Verse 13 is not a promise from God. It is a statement of certainty. It is a pronouncement of judgment.

God had spoken directly to Eli. There had been an opportunity to fix the situation. If Eli heard, he certainly did not act. God decided Eli needed to get the message by other means.

God chose to speak directly to a child. If nothing else, Hannah’s boy listened. The coming judgment for Eli and his sons is a tough first audience with the King of creation.

God is speaking. He has a message for you. He wants you to act in response and obedience to what you hear. He wants you to listen for yourself.

Because He is a loving, gracious God, He gives us a chance to make it right. Still, we have to exercise our wills in following His commands. If we choose to continue in disobedience, God may change the route, and content, of what He says to you.

Listen, and obey, for yourself. God will make sure you hear what He has to say. Listen for yourself, while you can.

**Think:** God is speaking. Am I listening?

**Pray:** “Lord, I want to listen and act when you speak.”

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