

**“Hear For Yourself”** by Kirk Hunt

*Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I. And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.*

1 Samuel 3:16–17 KJV

Read also 1 Samuel 3: 1–18

Scripture (1 Samuel 4:18) describes Eli as physically “heavy.” In my mind’s eye, I have the image of this large, bearded man begging a scrawny little kid to give him a message from God. Or, worse yet, threatening a scrawny little kid. Eli, the High Priest who made atonement to God for all of Israel, needed a young boy to tell him God’s Word.

In the modern era, under God’s “grace and truth,” you can hear from God directly. God speaks through your Bible. God speaks while you spend time in prayer. His voice is often found because of fasting.

Spiritual disciplines are necessary to hear God’s voice but they are not enough. A heart that wants to hear, and is willing to listen, is also necessary. Eli as High Priest, was familiar with the things of God. It plain that Eli heard God, but he did not listen to God.

No one can listen for you. Soft or hard, God will give you the opportunity to hear from Him. You must deliberately plant yourself before God, then listen for yourself.

**Think:** Am I listening for myself?

**Pray:** “Lord, I am here to truly hear You.”

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