

God Is Calling You

(Part 2)

¹ The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. ² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. ⁶ Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:1-10)

God continually call and chose people to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. He calls them to be His witness to all men of what they have seen and heard. God call people because somebody has to do the work faithfully and efficiently for His name to be glorified and lifted up. God had called Samuel when things in Israel went wrong and in the direction that God does not want it to be. At that time God was looking for somebody to be the mouth piece and the trumpet of God to declare His will in full to the people.

Here we found God is calling Samuel, he was a small boy, but it does not matter the age of the individual. But his respond to God's call and his willingness to be transformed, acquire good characters and accept responsibilities, and that will bring the difference. God call people in whatever age they are. He call the young and this what the Word of God admonish us, ***"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."*** (1 Timothy 4:12) God called Samuel here while He was a child. It does not matter the age of the person, but if he is willing to obey and follow, then God's choice for him will be fruitful. God had called David, Jeremiah, Daniel and Timothy while they were young in age and they responded to God's call.

God as well may call people who are old in age. For example He called Moses while He was old in age. Moses was eighty years old when God called Him and He entrusted him with a big task to deliver his people and lead them out of the land of slavery. God called Abraham at the age of seventy five years old for a long journey of faith, and He called Noah at the age of 500 years old to build a big ark for God.

When God called Samuel as we read above, He called him with his name. What we understand here when God is calling somebody He is not calling him haphazardly but He is calling him by His name. When God is calling us He is calling us specifically and by

our names: ***"I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles."*** (Isaiah 42:6) Also we can read the following: ***"But you, O Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*** (Isaiah 41:8-10) The same we can also read in (Isaiah 43:1) ***"But now, this is what the LORD says—he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.'" God's call is specific for you and by your name.***

Samuel was not aware when the Lord was calling Him. For the first three instances when God was calling Him he was rushing toward Eli the priest thinking that priest Eli was the one who called him. Sometimes you think that people are calling you and you think that your service is directed toward people but that is not correct. The voice of God and the calling of God is behind your ministry and all what you are doing. Your calling is in the mid of spiritual and religious failures, and God wants to do through you certain radical and critical changes. You are called to fulfill God's purpose in your generation.

There might be a spiritual blindness around you, and that is why you are not aware of your calling and what God wants you to be and to do. But you must be aware of that now, and be able to hear and recognize His voice in the mid of the disorder and confusion that is going on around. You might be even being suppressed with the surrounding religious and the non-religious worldly system that you are part of. But now you must be vigilant having the full faith and the trust in God that He who called you is faithful and will be able to support you, equip you and protect you. ***"The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD. The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word."*** (1 Samuel 3:19-21) As the Lord was with Samuel and enabled him and protected him, He will also be with you and He will uphold you with His grace to fulfill what He had asked you to do and to be. And finally the people will recognize that God is calling you and you will be attested for the ministry that He entrusted to you to do. God will continue to reveal to you Himself and the steps that He wants you to take, through His Word that you read in the Bible. So you will be guided by the Holy Spirit and instructed by His Word, going forward to fulfill the call of God in your life.

My dear and beloved: Don't be afraid from the wrong things that are going on around you, the Lord will neither leave you nor forsake you. God has a good plan for you to prosper you. God had sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ Who died on the cross for our sins to save us and to give us eternal life. Trust Him fully and accept His call to you in your life, for this is your blessing from Him as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord I surrender my life and my will in your hand. Take me and mold me in the way that you wants me to be and help me to stand firm and do the call that you entrusted to me to do. This all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.*