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## 1 Samuel 3

3 Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation. 2 And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, 3 and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the Lord where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down, 4 that the Lord called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" 5 So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down. 6 Then the Lord called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7 (Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him.) 8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears." 11 Then the Lord said to Samuel: "Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. 12 In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. 13 For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them. 14 And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever." 15 So Samuel lay down until morning, and opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision. 16 Then Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son!" He answered, "Here I am." 17 And he said, "What is the word that the Lord spoke to

you? Please do not hide it from me. God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that He said to you." 18 Then Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the Lord. Let Him do what seems good to Him." 19 So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the Lord. 21 Then the Lord appeared again in Shiloh. For the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

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What can we learn from this story?

### 1. God chose Samuel to be His prophet

When Samuel was a child, he did not decide one day he would become a prophet. Samuel did not know the Lord when the Lord chose Him. He did not have a personal relationship with the Lord. The Lord chose him and called him to be his prophet.

### 2. Prophets of God are foretellers

Samuel told El the future. The word prophet literally means foreteller.

Prophets of God were more than inspirational speakers for God that shared the truth with others. They were chosen by God to foretell the future.

- Noah
- Abraham
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Joseph
- Moses
- Samuel
- David
- Nathan
- Elijah
- Elisha
- Joel
- Jonah
- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Daniel
- John the Baptist
- Jesus

Prophets of God are foretellers.

### 3. Prophets of God deliver difficult messages

Samuel's message to Eli was that his ministry and the ministry of his sons as priests would be terminated and that every Word of the Lord that had been spoken about Eli's family would be fulfilled.

Another unnamed prophet had already told Eli his future and the future of his family. (1 Samuel 2:27-36)

- He and his descendants would be cut off from their service as priests.
- His sons and all his future descendants would die in the flower of their age.
- His family would become impoverished.
- His two sons would die on the same day as a sign these prophecies were true
- He could not atone for his sins through sacrifice

Samuel's prophecy to Samuel was a difficult message.

Prophets of God deliver difficult messages

#### 4. The Lord supports the Words of His prophets with His power

As a prophet, Samuel's part was to pronounce the Words of God to Israel. God's part was to let none of his words fall to the ground. This meant God's part was to support Samuel's words with His power and cause his prophecy to come to pass. God's part was to confirm Samuel's words in ways that would change the hearts of the people in Israel. From the time Samuel became a prophet to Israel, it took over 20 years before Israel repented of Idolatry. Samuel was faithful to do and speak what God told Him to speak and the Lord did His part to confirm His Words.

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How do these lessons from this story apply to the church of Jesus Christ?

#### 1. Every member of the Church of Jesus is chosen by God to be a prophet of God.

In the church of Jesus Christ there are offices of leadership.

Ephesians 4:11-12

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

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These offices are filled by those people that have been given special gifts of the Holy Spirit. The purpose of these offices is to equip the church for the work of ministry. One of those works of ministry that everyone in the church is called to do is to prophesy. Those with the gift of prophesy equip the whole church to prophesy.

Peter indicated in His sermon at Pentecost that what the Jews were witnessing was a fulfillment of the prophesy of Joel that in the new covenant God would make with His people, that everyone would prophesy.

Acts 2:17-18

17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.

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Paul emphasized the importance of prophesy to every member of the church at Corinth when he told them to all desire that they would prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:1-5

14 Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

3 But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

5 I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

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When we receive Jesus Christ, we are united with His Holy Spirit and we become members of His body. Jesus has not changed. Jesus is King, priest, and prophet. As members of His body, we represent Him on the earth as Kings, priests, and prophets.

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## 2. As prophets of God, we are foretellers

Knowing the future is very powerful and advantageous. It is very important to success.

Successful businesses that remain successful plan their strategy based on their knowledge of the future.

Successful sports teams spend many hours before each game scouting their opponent and planning their strategy based on their knowledge of the future.

The Houston Astros recently were charged and found to be guilty in a sign stealing signal. Their hitters were more successful because they knew what was coming.

Our federal government spends billions of dollars every year scouting our enemies and planning their strategy based on their knowledge of the future.

Local weather forecasters spend huge sums of money on technology and manpower to be able to make more accurate forecasts about the weather. They know that their ratings depend upon

Businesses, Sports teams, our federal government, and our weather forecasters understand that knowing the future is powerful and advantageous. It is very important to their success.

Those forecasters that are most accurate are revered in business, sports, civil matters, and the world of weather.

Church, as Christians, we have all been anointed by God to be prophets of God and foretell the future based on the Word of God. Our knowledge of the future is powerful and advantageous to us. But our knowledge of the future is also very important to success in the lives of others. We are called by God to be prophets of God and tell them what we know.

[As prophets of God, we are foretellers!](#)

### [3. As prophets of God we have been given difficult messages to deliver](#)

For those who believe our messages about the future, our prophecies give hope. But for those who are not yet believers, our prophecies about the future are very disturbing. Because of the Word of God, we know these things about the future....

[Hebrews 9:27](#)

[27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, NKJV](#)

- Everyone is going to die
- Everyone is going to experience God's judgment

Because of the Word of God, we know this about God's judgment...

[Revelation 20:11-15](#)

[11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.](#)

[12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.](#)

[13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.](#)

14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.  
15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.  
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Because of the Word of God, we know how to escape God's judgement and have your name written in the lamb's book of life.

John 3:16-18

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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Romans 10:9-11

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

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As prophets of God, we have been given difficult messages to deliver to others. As prophets of God, it is our responsibility to share these prophecies with others so that they can have the opportunity to be saved.

#### 4. The Lord supports the Words of His prophets in the church with His power

As a prophet of God, our part is to pronounce the Word of God to the world. God's part is to let none of his words fall to the ground. As we prophesy about the future, God's part is to support our words with His power and change people's hearts.

How did God do this for Samuel?

- Eli's two sons died on the same day.
- Eli's descendants did not continue to serve as priests in the tabernacle.
- Eli's descendants died during the flower of their age.
- Eli's descendants were impoverished.
- King Saul's reign was torn from him and his descendants and given to another.
- David became king of Israel after Samuel anointed him as the next king.

Another prophet that succeeded Samuel in Israel named Nathan said that David's house and his kingdom would be established forever before Him. (2 Samuel 7:12-17).

God fulfilled this prophecy through Jesus.

What other prophecies of the bible were fulfilled through Jesus?

Genesis 49:10-Jacob

10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh (Peace) comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.

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Isaiah 7:14

14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

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Micah 5:2

2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."

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Isaiah 53

53 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

9 And they made His grave with the wicked — But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.  
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Isaiah 11:10-12

10 "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."

11 It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.

12 He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.  
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God supported the Words of His prophets with His power?

How has the Lord done this for me?

- Psalms 40:1-3
- The youth minister from Allen, Ok.
- The young man that our church disciplined because of homosexuality
- Dennis Jernigan's ministry of song writing.
- My brother Jim's conversion.
- The future of our church.
  1. Church without walls that can contain the number of people.
  2. Church would be filled with both the young and the old.
  3. God would bring people here from distant places from every direction to be a part of what He is doing.
  4. When evening comes there will be light.
  5. Not by our might or power but by His Spirit.

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Church, our part is to accept our anointing as God's prophets. God's part is to support us with His power.

Ezekiel 3:17-21

17 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me:

18 When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.

19 Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

20 "Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand.

21 Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul."

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Matthew 10:27-28

27 "Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops.

28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

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Amos 3:7-8

7 Surely the Lord God does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

8 A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken! Who can but prophesy?

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Based on the grace we have received from God through Jesus how we cannot speak to others the glorious truth that we have been given.

Will you be like Samuel and accept your anointing as a prophet of God? Will you foretell the future and deliver the difficult messages the Lord has called you to deliver? Will you not fear man and trust the Lord to support your words with his power?

Based on the prophecies of the bible that have been fulfilled by Jesus and His prophecies about the future, will you receive Jesus today as your personal savior and Lord?