

Hebrews 11

SAMUEL

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Introduction

Samuel was a result of a mother that was desperate to conceive, with the sincere desire to raise up a godly heritage. This is evidence by her committing the child to LORD to be a Nazarite before even conceiving. Not much is said between the birth and the giving of Samuel to the temple but according to Jewish custom, Samuel would have been around the age of 12 when he was given over to the LORD to “there abide for ever” (1 Sam 1:22) in the service of the LORD beginning at the temple. The Scripture records that “the child was young” (1 Sam 1:24) when he was permanently lent to the LORD; so, however old he was, he was of an age where he was able to minister before the LORD.

Born	➤ 1 Samuel 1:20
Samuel’s account is Found:	➤ 1 Samuel 1-25,28
Other Places Samson is Mentioned:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1 Chronicles 6:28; 9:22; 11:3; 26:28; 29:29 ➤ 2 Chronicles 35:18 ➤ Psalm 99:6 ➤ Jeremiah 15:1 ➤ Acts 3:24; 13:20 ➤ Hebrews 11:32
Some points of character:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prophet ➤ Priest ➤ Judge ➤ Devoted ➤ Bold ➤ Blameless ➤ Obedient ➤ Praying man
Death	➤ 1 Samuel 25:1
Key Verses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1 Samuel 3:19 ➤ 1 Samuel 12:18 ➤ 1 Samuel 15:22,23

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Samuel was the last of the judges appointed over Israel and was no doubt a man of God that knew and loved the LORD and grew in favour with God and man, like our Lord Jesus Christ. He was at the end of the ear of judges and the beginning of kings.

Samuel learned to discern the voice of the LORD and was careful to obey thereafter. He did not take the fact that God spoke to Him lightly. He did not count it a little thing when God revealed something to him but was attentive to every Word. What faith this man had, and more.

OUTLINE SUMMARY OF THE BOOK OF 1 SAMUEL AND THE ACCOUNT OF SAMUEL

1 Samuel 1:

- 1-20 The Birth of Samuel
21-28 Samuel given to the LORD

1 Samuel 2:

- 1-11 Hannah's prayer and praise
12-21 Testimony of Eli's sons—Hopni and Phinehas
22-26 Eli rebukes his sons
27-36 The LORD rejects Eli's household

1 Samuel 3:

- 1-15 **The LORD calls Samuel** and told him the prophecy concerning Eli and his house
16-18 Samuel told Eli the prophecy
19-21 Samuel is established and recognised to be the prophet of the LORD

1 Samuel 4:

- 1-11 The Philistines defeat Israel and captured the Ark, and have killed Eli's sons
12-18 Eli falls down, breaks his neck, and dies after hearing that the Ark of God is taken
19-22 Eli's daughter in law gave birth at this time, mourning at the death of her husband, and father in law, and that the Ark of God was taken; she called her son "Ichabod" which means, "the glory is departed from Israel; or, the glory of the LORD is departed."

1 Samuel 5:

- 1-12 The hand of the LORD was against the Philistines for taking the Ark

1 Samuel 6:

- 1-21 The Ark is returned to Israel

1 Samuel 7:

- 1-2 The Ark had been gone for 20 years Hannah's prayer and praise
3-6 Samuel judges Israel at Mozpeh
7-13 The Philistines sought to attack Israel at the same time but Samuel prayed and made an offering unto the LORD, and **the LORD** sent **great thunderings** and troubled and smote the Philistines
12 Samuel took a stone and set it in a place and called it "Ebenezer" which means, "Hitherto hath the LORD helped us."
13-17 Samuel returned to his house in Ramah, after defeating the Philistines, and continued the rest of his days from there to judge Israel

1 Samuel 8:

- 1-9 Israel demands a king to rule over them
10-18 Samuel warns against kings
19-22 The people were adamant and refused to hearken to Samuel so God gave them their request

1 Samuel 9:

- 1-27 Saul chosen to be king

1 Samuel 10:

- 1-16 Saul Anointed as king
17-26 Saul declared to be king
27 The people were displeased and discontent

1 Samuel 11:

- 1-15 Saul defeats the Ammonites

1 Samuel 12:

- 1-15 Samuel's farewell sermon to the children of Israel
16-19 Samuel calls upon the LORD to destroy the harvest to show the people that their decision to have a physical king instead of God as their King, was a wicked decision. And **the LORD thundered and destroyed their harvest**, and the people feared
20-25 Samuel exhorted them not to fear, but to continue in the ways of the LORD

1 Samuel 13:

- 1-7 Saul goes up to fight against the Philistines Hannah's prayer and praise
8-21 Samuel rebukes Saul not waiting performing an unlawful sacrifice whereby losing the kingship that would have been carried on in his family line

1 Samuel 14:

- 1-23 Jonathan defeats the Philistines
24-46 Saul's rash vow
47-52 Saul fights Israel's enemies

1 Samuel 15:

- 1-35 The LORD rejects Saul because of his disobedience and has the kingdom rent from him

1 Samuel 16:

- 1-23 Samuel anoints David as king

1 Samuel 17:

1-58 David and Goliath

1 Samuel 18:

1-5 David and Jonathan's friendship

6-16 Saul's jealousy of David begins

17-30 David marries Michal

1 Samuel 19:

1-24 Saul tries to kill David so David fled and went to Samuel in Ramah

1 Samuel 20:

1-42 Jonathan warns David of his father's plans

1 Samuel 21:

1-9 David flees to Nob, the city of priests, where he ate the shew bread

10-15 David flees to Gath

1 Samuel 22:

1-5 David hides in the cave at Adullam

6-23 Saul kills the priests at Nob for helping David, except Abiathar who escaped

1 Samuel 23:

1-14 David saves the city of Keilah from the Philistines

15-29 Saul pursued David

1 Samuel 24:

1-22 David spares Saul's life in the cave

1 Samuel 25:

1 Samuel died

2-44 Nabal dies and David takes Abigail and Ahinoam to wife

1 Samuel 26:

1-25 David spares Saul's life again

1 Samuel 27:

1-12 David flees to the Philistines and dwells there

1 Samuel 28:

1-11 Saul was enquiring of the LORD, but the LORD was not answering him, so he disguised himself and went to a Medium at Endor for help

12-25 The woman called up Samuel and Samuel rebuked Saul and told him that he and his sons would die on the morrow at the hands of the Philistines

1 Samuel 29:

1-11 The Philistines refused David and his men to fight with them and sent them back to Achish

1 Samuel 30:

1-11 David and his men discovered that their wives and children had been taken by the Amelekites, and they pursued after them and killed them and got their wives and children back plus a great spoil

1 Samuel 31:

1-13 Saul and his sons die

In this lesson concerning the faith of Samuel we will look at three things:

1. A **V**alued **F**aith – 1 Samuel 3 – *Samuel treasured every Word of God*
2. A **V**aliant **F**aith – 1 Samuel 3,12,13,15,28 – *Samuel told all the Word of God*
3. A **V**ery Sure **F**aith – 1 Samuel 16 – *Samuel trusted the Word of God*

Memory verse: (1 Samuel 3:19) *And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.*

1. A VALUED FAITH

I) WHEN THE LORD SPOKE TO SAMUEL

a. Samuel before chapter 3 did not know the voice of the LORD

1Sa 3:7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

This was the first time that Samuel heard the still small voice of the LORD communicating directly to him, hence why he thought that Eli was the one calling out to him. Samuel may have been well acquainted with the written Word of God, but was now hearing directly from the God of the Word. Eli perceiving that the LORD was calling Samuel wisely instructed him to respond directly to the LORD and there began the official prophetic ministry of Samuel. Samuel had never before personally experienced God making a revelation known directly to him but now understanding that it was the LORD calling him, he acknowledged the call and was attentive to every Word that God said; from that time forward, we can see that Samuel treasured every Word of God that was communicated to him and took it seriously.

b. Samuel treasured every Word of God and took it seriously

1Sa 3:19 And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, **and did let none of his words fall to the ground.**

Samuel grew both physically and spiritually in his ministering to the LORD and the Scripture states that the LORD was with him. In this first point concerning the faith of Samuel, is that he “did let none of his words fall to the ground.”

i) ***Samuel was attentive to everything God said***

1 Sa 3:10...”Speak; for thy servant heareth.”

ii) ***Samuel was careful to speak everything God revealed to him***

1 Sa 3:18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him...

iii) ***Samuel understood that the word of the LORD was precious and he did not waste it***

1 Sa 3:1...And the word of the LORD was precious in those days...

II) WHEN THE LORD SPEAKS TO US

Can we honestly say that we, like Samuel treasure the word of God? The picture behind the phrase “and did let none of his words fall to the ground” is of one pouring out a beverage or precious ointment and being careful not to spill any because once it is spilt on the ground, it then becomes useless. It is evident in the life of Samuel and throughout his ministry that he did not let one word of God go to waste but hearkened, obeyed, and uttered all that God said. Samuel treasured God’s Word and took it seriously because he esteemed it to be precious and did not take it for granted.

a. We are to live by every Word of God

Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Luk 4:4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** of God.

[*Note: “It is written” in Deuteronomy 8:3*]

b. We are to understand that God’s Word is pure

Pro 30:5 **Every word of God is pure**: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Psa 119:140 **Thy word is very pure**: therefore thy servant loveth it.

c. We are to reverence and love the Words of God

Isa 66:2 For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: but to this *man* will I look, *even to him that is* poor and of a contrite spirit, **and trembleth at my word**.

Psa 119:161-163 SCHIN. Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth **in awe of thy word**. **I rejoice at thy word**, as one that findeth great spoil. I hate and abhor lying: *but thy law do I love*.

d. We are to remember that God’s Word will always stand

Isa 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but **the word of our God shall stand for ever**.

1Pe 1:24-25 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But **the word of the Lord endureth for ever**. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

e. We are to remember that God's Word will never return void

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: **it shall not return unto me void**, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

f. We are to be a people of no corrupt communication

Eph 4:29 Let **no corrupt communication** proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Eph 5:3-4 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

Col 3:16-17 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Conclusion: **SAMUEL TREASURED EVERY WORD OF GOD**

Application: **FAITH TREASURES EVERY WORD OF GOD**

2. A VALIANT FAITH

I) SAMUEL WAS BOLD TO SPEAK THE WHOLE TRUTH

a) Samuel told all that God had shown him to Eli

1Sa 3:18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It *is* the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

The very first revelation that God gave to Samuel was the judgement to come upon his mentor and his mentor's household. Fear came into Samuel's heart to tell Eli all that God had just revealed to him but at the same time, he was not ashamed of the word of truth. Samuel was completely faithful, forthright, and forward with what the LORD had said and "he hid nothing from him." Being the one to tell your mentor that the judgement of God was upon him would have been no easy thing.

b) Samuel rebuked Israel for their wickedness in wanting a king

1Sa 12:17 *Is it* not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness *is* great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

1Sa 12:18 So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

Samuel spoke to the whole nation of Israel, rebuking them for their wickedness in wanting a king to rule over them and not the King of kings (1 Samuel 12:12). At first they couldn't see it as an issue so they did not hearken to the warning given by Samuel (1 Samuel 8:19) and God granted their request. Samuel knew that this was not the will of God and so took the opportunity to let the people know that they have sinned against the LORD. Perhaps knowing that the people would not take his word seriously, he affirmed it by prophesying a specific sign and then called on the LORD and the LORD sent the thunder and rain which ruined the harvest. The season for harvesting in Israel occurs at the end of June or beginning of July, when it rarely or never rains, and the sky is clear and cloudless. So the miracle of the thunder and rain that poured down at that time was understood clearly by the people that it wasn't just Samuel that thought what they did was sin, they knew it actually was the LORD affirming what Samuel was prophesying.

c) Samuel rebukes Saul for his unlawful sacrifice

1Sa 13:13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

1Sa 13:14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him *to be* captain over his people, because thou hast not kept *that* which the LORD commanded thee.

d) Samuel rebukes Saul for his disobedience

1Sa 15:19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?

(1 Samuel 15:3,10-35) Saul comes up to Samuel like everything is okay (v13) but Samuel immediately addresses the problem. He confronted Saul directly and Saul does not see the issue because what he had done he had justified in his mind and therefore he did not acknowledge his disobedience until Samuel continued to confront him with his sin(v19).

Saul then blatantly lies to Samuel to the point where he was claiming that he has obeyed the voice of the LORD in killing every Amelekite and all their livestock (v3) when he clearly didn't. He expressed his motive that he wants to sacrifice the best to the LORD so he spared the best of the livestock to 'sacrifice to the LORD'; so Samuel continued to help Saul see depth of his sin (22,23).

Saul now confesses that he sin against the commandment of the LORD, but immediately shifts the blame and justifies his behaviour and wants to move on and not dwell on the issue. But Samuel did not withhold from bringing out the seriousness of wickedness that Saul committed neither did he withhold from declaring the consequence of his sin (27,28).

Saul again acknowledged his sin, but no repentance, he just wanted to get on with it (v30). The judgment did come upon Saul and his house in due time.

II) WE MUST ALSO SPEAK THE WHOLE TRUTH

1Jn 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

Pro 27:5-6 Open rebuke *is* better than secret love. Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.

2Ch 18:13 And Micaiah said, *As* the LORD liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak.

Tit 2:15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*.

Conclusion: **SAMUEL TOLD ALL THE WORD OF GOD**

Application: **FAITH TELLS ALL THE WORD OF GOD**

3. A VERY SURE FAITH

I) SAMUEL KNEW WHAT GOD WANTED HIM TO DO

a. All Samuel knew was that there was a king waiting to be anointed at the house of Jesse

1Sa 16:3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do:
and thou shalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee.

The LORD did not tell Samuel who was to be anointed, he simply told him there was one there that He would point out to him and confirm the one who is chosen to be king. Samuel was given enough instructions to have what he needed at to be at the right place with the right people at the right time, but that was it. Samuel knowing that it was the LORD that had given these instructions simply obeyed what was revealed waiting on the LORD to continue to lead and instruct.

b. Samuel sees the first possibility

1Sa 16:6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed *is* before him.

1Sa 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

When Samuel saw Eliab he was almost convinced that he was surely the one that was going to be king, but God very quickly revealed to him that it was not case; he was not the one. Outwardly fitting the part it seemed, but God saw straight through the outward and knew what was in his heart and refused Eliab. What a situation! Samuel knew he was at the right place, with the right people, at the right time, but God's answer for the first choice was NO.

c. Samuel sees the second possibility

1Sa 16:8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

d. Samuel sees the third possibility

1Sa 16:9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

e. Samuel sees the remaining four possibilities

1Sa 16:10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

Samuel has gone through all the present and apparent opportunities but he did not waver in the fact that he knew that he was at the right place, with the right people, at the right time. Seven options passed by, but God refused everyone of them. Samuel knew that God said there was one that He has prepared to be king, he just couldn't see him yet, so he asks the question.

f. Samuel knows there's more

1Sa 16:11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

1Sa 16:12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, *and* withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.

1Sa 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

II) WE MUST KNOW WHAT GOD WANTS US TO DO

Eph 5:15-17 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

Col 1:9-10 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

Rom 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

III) SAMUEL WAS A MAN OF PRAYER

a. Samuel prayed in bold faith, and God answered

WHEN SAMUEL WAS JUDGING ISRAEL

1Sa 7:9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered *it for* a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him.

1Sa 7:10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

WHEN SAMUEL WAS REBUKING ISRAEL

1Sa 12:16 Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes.

1Sa 12:17 *Is it* not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness *is* great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

1Sa 12:18 So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

RECORD AND TESTIMONY OF SAMUEL

Psa 99:6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

Psa 99:7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them.

IV) WE MUST PRAY IN FAITH

a. God answers when we pray in faith

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Mar 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, **Have faith in God.**

Mar 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mar 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

b. God will not answer your prayer if you have unforgiveness or sin in your heart

Mar 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Mar 11:26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Psa 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:

c. God answers when we pray with the right motive according to His will

Jas 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

1Jn 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

1Jn 5:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Conclusion: **SAMUEL TRUSTED IN THE WORD OF GOD**

Application: **FAITH TRUSTS IN THE WORD OF GOD**

SUMMARY

1. A VALUED FAITH

Conclusion: **SAMUEL TREASURED EVERY WORD OF GOD**

Application: **FAITH TREASURES EVERY WORD OF GOD**

2. A VALIANT FAITH

Conclusion: **SAMUEL TOLD ALL THE WORD OF GOD**

Application: **FAITH TELLS ALL THE WORD OF GOD**

3. A VERY SURE FAITH

Conclusion: **SAMUEL TRUSTED IN THE WORD OF GOD**

Application: **FAITH TRUSTS IN THE WORD OF GOD**

ACCORDING TO THE RECORD OF SAMSON'S ACCOUNT AND
COMMENDATION OF FAITH:

1. **FAITH TREASURES EVERY WORD OF GOD**
2. **FAITH TELLS ALL THE WORD OF GOD**
3. **FAITH TRUSTS IN THE WORD OF GOD**