

1 Samuel Lesson 3 Lessons and Principles

- 1) For the third time it is emphasized that Samuel **ministered to the LORD** just as Aaron and his sons, and just as Paul and Barnabas. We are first ministers to the Lord and we do that by ministering to others. Seek to serve Him diligently.
- 2) Samuel answered "Here I Am". This is the way we should respond to God's Word. It isn't that God doesn't know where we are, but it tells God and it reminds us we are simply before Him as servants, asking what He wants us to do.
- 3) When speaking to us, God almost always confirms His word again and again. It is generally wrong to do something dramatic in response to a single "inner voice" from the Lord. If it is God speaking He will confirm it and often in a variety of ways.
- 4) **"It's too late"**, Do we ever come to a place where our sin cannot be atoned for by the sacrifice and offering of Jesus Christ? Only if we reject the sacrifice of Jesus. Hebrews 10:26 says, "if we reject the work of Jesus for us, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins." Jesus is the only way!
- 5) What can we learn from the Israelites plan to take the Ark of the Covenant with them into battle? After all, it had been done many times before, such as the battle of Jericho. They were attempting to force God into the battle while their hearts were not right with God. God will fight our battles with us, but we must have Him on the throne of our lives first.
- 6) One reason Israel lost the battle with the Philistines is they did not try as hard thinking that God would win the battle for them. We often make the same mistake, even if we are right with God and He is with us in our battles, we still must do our part and put forth our best effort.