

April 10, 2016
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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1 Samuel 3:1-21

God Revealed to His People *through* His Word
(Five Implications)

I. The _____ of God's Word is _____ (v. 1)

II. The _____ of God's Word is _____ (v. 2-10)

III. The _____ of God's Word _____ (v. 11-14)

IV. The _____ of God's Word _____ (v. 15-18)

V. The _____ of God's Word _____ (v. 19-21)

Sermon Discussion Questions

- 1) Is the word of God present or absent in your life? What does the absence of God's word indicate?
- 2) How can the word of God have a greater presence and role in your life? Starting today, what steps will you take to make God's word present and active in your life?
- 3) If God's word naturally calls us to respond to it, how would you grade your response? As you examine your life, do you see a pattern of responding in faith and obedience to God and his word? Or do you see a pattern of unbelief and disobedience, of stubbornness and an unwillingness to change?
 - a. If you see the former, how can you continue to grow in responding to God's commands in faith?
 - b. If you see the latter, how can you best repent and begin to respond to God in faith? What area of your life needs the most immediate attention and repentance?
- 4) What are your thoughts about the judgment of God? Does His judgment seem scary? Distant? Irrelevant? Does his judgment seem unrighteous or righteous?
- 5) Have you grown apathetic towards the judgment of God? In what ways does his judgment of you and others impact the way that you live? Does his power to judge cause you to have a reverent fear of God? Does his impending judgment of unbelievers ignite a fire within you to proclaim the gospel to the world around you? Why or why not?
- 6) Do you see yourself as an ambassador of Jesus? (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21) How have you handled the message of the gospel that has been entrusted to you as a believer? Have you kept it to yourself? Have you shared it with others?
 - a. If you have kept the message of the gospel to yourself, what is it that prevents you from proclaiming the good news of salvation through faith in Christ?
 - b. All of us can become better evangelists, who are some people (3-5) that you can begin to pray for and over time care for and share the gospel with?
- 7) When you read your Bible or hear a sermon preached, what is your attitude? Do you have the attitude that you are actually hearing from God? Or do you have an attitude of apathy as you approach Scripture privately and publicly? How can you deepen your appreciation for and attitude toward the God who reveals himself to you through his written word?

Fill-in the blank answers: (I) Absence, an Indication of Disobedience; (II) Call, for Individuals to Respond; (III) Judgment, Gives Chills to Everyone; (IV) Message, Demands to be Proclaimed; (V) Proclamation, Reveals God Himself.