

# 46 Samuel Is Used Preciously

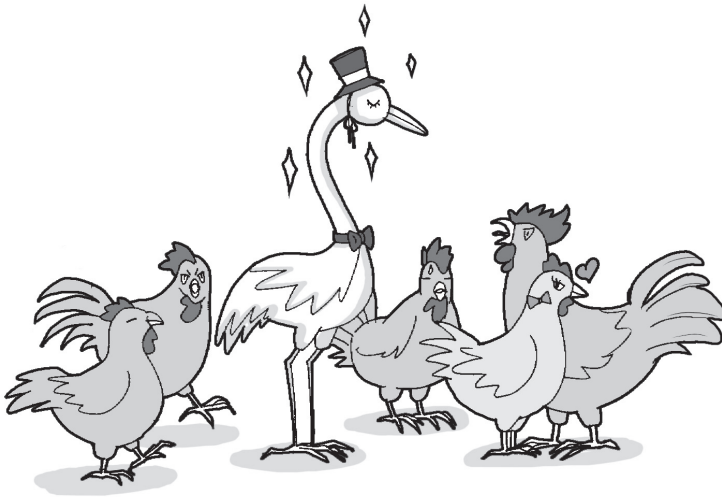
Chapter 1 Samuel 3, 12

## Today's Lesson:



1. To understand that Samuel was used preciously by God his entire life.
2. To understand that it is God's grace and blessing for us to abide in the church from childhood.

Open Your Heart



Look at the picture above, and write down what it is referring to.



## Understanding Today's Lesson

As the last judge and prophet of Israel, Samuel was the figure to open the period of kings of Israel. During the time he was born, Israel was in a period of spiritual darkness. At the time, Israel had no visible king and didn't even serve God as their king, which is why the people acted according to their own thoughts. Because of this, the people as well as the Levites and even the priests did not know God, became corrupt, and lost the ark of the covenant as they lost the war against the Philistines.

In such a generation, Samuel was born through his mother Hannah's earnest prayer and vow. Because Samuel was a Nazarite from birth whose entire life was devoted to God, he left his parents at a young age and grew up in the tabernacle serving the Lord. Although there were many people near Samuel when he was young, there was no one that could be used by God. That is why God called young Samuel to proclaim a curse upon the house of Eli, the high priest, and made Samuel a prophet to lead the people of God. Samuel listened to the voice of God and proclaimed the word to the people of Israel. God was with Samuel so that those words did not fall to the ground and that all of Israel knew Samuel was a prophet of the Lord. Not only that, but Samuel saved Israel from the Philistines and prayed without ceasing for the people of Israel. Also, he did not take anything unfairly from the people. From when Samuel was called at a young age until his old age, he was used precious through his obedience towards God.

Notes:



But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

(2 Timothy 2:20-21)

## Memorizing Bible Verses



Meditate

## On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(1 Samuel 1:26–28)

(1 Samuel 12:1–4)

(1 Samuel 12:22–24)



Changing

## Directions

Read 1 Samuel 3:1–15.

1. What was the reason that the word of the Lord was rare in those days and there was no widespread revelation?

2. God called Samuel, but Samuel ran to Eli. Write down the reason why Samuel mistook the calling of God as the calling of man.

3. The first thing that God said to young Samuel was about Eli's sin and the judgment upon his house. How do you think this would have affected Samuel?

4. God did not call Eli nor his sons, but called young Samuel. Looking at this, what kind of person does God seek? Read 1 Samuel 2:30–35 and summarize.

5. Like Samuel, do you have the heart to be used by God from when you are young until you are old? If you are to be used at church, what kind of work would you like to do?



Applying

## The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.  
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

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2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

## To Live According to the Word

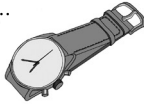
Let us seek to grow righteously before God and become workers that are used preciousely for the gospel and church.



# Our Story

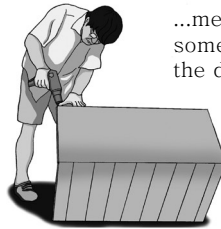
## He Who Created All Things

The fact that there is a watch...



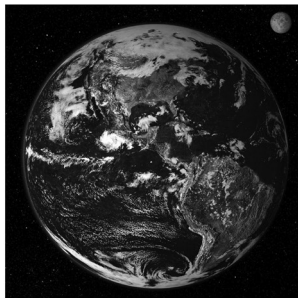
...means that there is someone who made the watch.

The fact that there is a dog house...



...means that there is someone who built the dog house.

Everything that exists in this world has a maker. Then, who is the one that created the universe in which we exist?



The answer is in the Bible.

**For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. (Hebrews 3:4)**

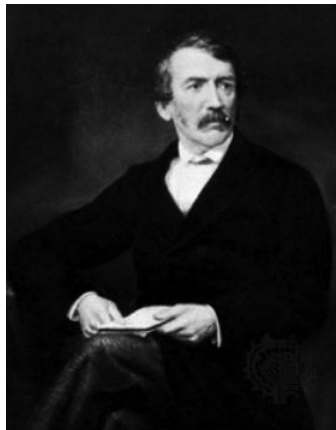
## I Will Devote My Whole Life To God!

One day, a village in England was gathering donations for missionary work and medical aid in Africa. The bowl used to collect donations at that time was different from our pocket-shaped envelopes that we use, and would show if you put in a donation. As the donation bowl was going around, one boy stepped forward and suddenly sat down on the bowl.

The people rebuked the boy saying, "What are you doing?!" The boy answered, "I don't have money because I am poor. However, I will devote my whole life instead of money."

Also, this poor boy labored at a textile mill from 6am to 8pm while studying Greek, medical science, and theology with his own strength. And he was accepted by the London Missionary Society and left to Africa in December 1840. During the 13 weeks of sailing, he studied the language of the African tribe, and in March of the following year he started exploring the land of Africa and preaching the gospel. From that point on, as he went through unimaginable heat, malnutrition, diseases, fights with lions, attacks from African tribes, he visited thousands of villages that no other missionaries had been to and preached the gospel, planting the hope of heaven. In May 1873, he faced a lonely death in Chitambo District, current day Zambia. When an African servant found him, he was dead on his knees as if he was praying by his bed. The Africans removed his heart and internal organs to preserve his cadaver and buried his body, and his body was moved to England over a tough journey of 9 months. In the midst of all the people's mourning, his funeral took place as a state funeral at Westminster Abbey.

This is the story of David Livingstone, an African missionary and explorer.





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