

## In Search of a King 1-2 SAMUEL

<sup>11</sup> But the boy ministered to the Lord before Eli the priest.

<sup>18</sup> Now Samuel was ministering before the LORD, as a boy wearing a linen ephod.

<sup>21</sup> ...And the boy Samuel grew before the LORD.

<sup>26</sup> Now the boy Samuel was growing in stature and in favor both with the LORD and with man.

(3:1) Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD before Eli.

1 Samuel 3:1-21

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<sup>11</sup> "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord GOD,  
"When I will send a famine on the land,  
Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water,  
But rather for hearing the words of the LORD.  
<sup>12</sup> People will stagger from sea to sea  
And from the north even to the east;  
They will go to and fro to seek the word of the LORD,  
But they will not find *it*."

(Amos 8:11-12)

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### 1. A Sign of God's Displeasure

- God's silence was a form of His judgment
- God's revelation was a form of His blessing

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### 2. The Dawning of a New Era

- Samuel was called and established as a prophet like Moses (cf. Deut. 18:18-22)
- the word of the Lord “appeared” again in Israel through His prophet

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### 3. The Burden of God’s Prophet

- to speak God’s word faithfully and truly even when it is difficult and devastating
- to fear God and His word above human sentiment and opinion

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### Application:

1. Jesus is *the* prophet like Moses; the final and complete revelation of God
  - John 1:1, 14-18
  - Acts 3:22-26
  - Hebrews 1:1-2

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### Application:

2. The task of God’s spokesman today is to faithfully proclaim God’s word as given

I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

<sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

<sup>4</sup> and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

(2 Timothy 4:1-4)