

Sermon Notes (Jan 14). God Plans and Provides for the Hard Times - 1 Sam 3:1-20

I. Difficult Days for the People of Israel

- Israelites settled in the new land, led by judges that led against with enemies.
- Worship life was not right.

“And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.” Leadership was not listening for God.

- Tabernacle was not cared for.
 - High Priest Eli was going blind and could not do much.
 - His two sons should have been helping but instead they were corrupt. They cheated people, lived immoral lives, and blasphemed the LORD. They would not listen to their father Eli. (See 1 Samuel 2)

- Samuel was about _____ years old, he had been living and helping at the _____ Tabernacle since very young.
- The lampstand in the tabernacle that was not to ever go out was kept by _____
- The people responsible for the Tabernacle were not good, but God provided...
even years before. (See 1 Samuel 1)

II. God Calls to Believe and Serve in Hard Times

- Samuel's heart is to _____ his old and blind boss, Eli.
- Three times he got out of bed to see what Eli needs, but it is not Eli that calls but _____
- Eli instructs Samuel to say, “Speak, LORD, for your servant _____.”
- Samuel believes and listens to the LORD.
- The message the LORD gives Samuel is _____ .
- But Samuel did it.
- Soon Samuel took over much more work. Eli and sons all die.

III. God Knows

- God provides for both _____ and _____ situations before we even know.

God knows _____ abounds. He calls us to _____ , _____ & trust in Him.

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the LORD, and he answered them. Psalm 99:6