

Use this daily Transformation Journal to learn how to study the Bible for yourself. Pray before you begin and ask God to bless you with insight and discernment as you ponder and respond to the questions, which are tools for your spiritual growth.

1 Samuel 3:1-10 NRSV

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.



Sermon Notes

Suggested Reading:

Your Journey to a Prayerful Life—Barbara Schutt
When You Pray — Daily Practices for Prayerful Living—Rueben P. Job
Too Busy Not To Pray—Bill Hybels

Monday, June 7

These thanksgiving psalms (*todah* means “thanksgiving” in Hebrew) were both attributed to King David, showing the deep faith and hope that he found in being a child of God. King David had a trust in life and hope in death under the watchful care of God.

Psalms 16; 23

- What specific God-actions did David pray for in his life?
- Psalm 23 is often read at funerals, but it's actually a psalm about living. Which verses of this psalm speak to you?

Tuesday, June 8

The sons of Korah, who chanted hymn psalms, were a choir of Levites whom King David had appointed to serve during Temple worship. The Levites, one of the twelve tribes of Israel, were responsible for Temple worship.

Psalms 46; 48

- What signs of worship and praise to God do you find in these psalms?
- How do Psalm 46:10 and Psalm 48:1-2 speak to you?
