

SPEAK, LORD, FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

1 Samuel 3:1–4:1a

Intimacy requires communication. On one hand, words need to be *offered*. If friends don't talk, if families don't share, and if spouses stop discussing—those relationships will weaken, fade, and eventually fail. On the other hand, words need to be *received*. If students can't understand their teachers, if athletes tune out their coaches, and if children ignore their parents—those relationships will suffer too. Intimacy requires communication. And we serve a God who communicates truthfully, powerfully, and clearly. He reveals himself rightly and sufficiently. He guides us wisely and effectively. The Creator of all things has always been speaking (Heb. 1:1–2). God wants us to know him—his character, his expectations, his purposes. He wants us to be saved *by* him, to abide *in* him, to live lives that *reflect* him, and to become more and more *like* him. God wants intimacy with us. So—he speaks. The question is: *Are we listening?*

The Absence of God's Word

3:1–3

The Reception of God's Word

3:4–10

The Nature of God's Word

3:11–18

The Restoration of God's Word

3:19–4:1a

Bow Down, Listen Up, and Watch Out!