

Sermon Outline

A Word Out of Season

1 Samuel 3:1-4:1

Introduction: *In season and out of season* (2 Tim 4:2-4)

Context: Volleying between darkness and light (1Sa 2:12-36)

I. 3:1-10: The Call of God

The Word of the Lord was rare, but God still speaks (v. 1)

The call of Samuel (v. 2-10)

God's effectual drawing power

(Is 55:11, Jn 10:27-28, Jn 6:36-37, 43, 65)

God's patience (2 Peter 3:9)

II. 3:11-18: God's gifts for service

God gives gifts to those he calls (11-14)

The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophet (15)

Humility in using spiritual gifts

Proclaiming a hard word (16-18a)

Eli's response (18b) – what will your response be?

III. 3:19-4:1a: God's gifts recognized by God's people

The Lord was with Samuel (v. 19)

The people of God outwardly confirm Samuel's calling (v. 20)

God blesses His people with His Word (v. 21-4:1a)