

“A Portrait of True Repentance”

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Sermon text: 1 Samuel 7:3

Chapters 1-3 tell the story of Samuel. His conception and childhood, his training and beginning ministry.

Chapters 4, 5, 6 No Word from God

Deut. 5:7 “You shall have no other gods before me.

Church at Ephesus lost the Word, the lampstand Rev. 2:4 Lost your first love...REPENT or I will remove the light of revelation from you.

Time to hear the Word of God (Vs 2)

Three lessons about true repentance:

1. True Repentance is God focused (Vs 3a)

2. True Repentance is Idol Smashing Repentance (Vs 3b)

Deuteronomy 5:6–9

3. True Repentance results in Seeking the face of God in Gathered Worship (Vs 12)

WCF Shorter Catechism Q. 87. *What is repentance unto life?*

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.