



Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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1 Samuel 3:3-4

“The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the Tabernacle near the Ark of God. Suddenly, the LORD called out, "Samuel! Samuel!" "Yes?" Samuel replied. "What is it?" 1 Samuel 3:3-4 NLT

Eli has yet again demonstrated his unfaithfulness to the things of God. The Law was clear, the lamp before the Ark was to be diligently maintained. It was to never be extinguished. (Exodus 27:20). So the LORD calls young Samuel. “And I thank Christ Jesus, our LORD, who has enabled me, in that He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.” (1 Timothy 1:12)

It is neither talent nor ability God looks for in a man or woman. It is neither one's education nor their position that impress Him. These things are never the Lord's primary standards for qualifications. But faithfulness – that is the one trait the Spirit requires of a servant. “So look at Apollos and me as mere servants of Christ who have been put in charge of explaining God's secrets. Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.” (1 Corinthians 4:1-2).

Faithfulness in the Kingdom will produce blessing and promotion. Faithfulness will “catch” the Lord's attention and release His grace to minister beyond our education or our experience. It is Christ Himself, “who has enabled me.”

The faithful servant, like Samuel, has his ear turned to the Spirit's voice and his ever ready response is, “here am I.”