

## “After the Tassel Turns” 1 Samuel 3:1-14 (NKJV)

- *What to Remember for the Future*

1. Value God's Word (v 1)
2. Stay in God's House (vv 2-3)
3. Do Your Part in God's Work (vv 2-3)
4. Listen to God's Voice (vv 4-9)
5. Accept God's Invitation (v 7; 10)
6. Fulfill God's Plan (v 11-14)

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Now the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; *there was* no widespread revelation. <sup>2</sup>And it came to pass at that time, while Eli *was* lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, <sup>3</sup>and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the LORD where the ark of God *was*, and while Samuel was lying down, <sup>4</sup>that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup>So he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” And he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” And he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD called yet again, Samuel! So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” He answered, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” <sup>7</sup>(Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.) <sup>8</sup>And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you did call me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, ‘Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel answered, “Speak, for Your servant hears.” <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel: “Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. <sup>12</sup>In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.”