

And Samuel answered as Eli had told him to do, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth".

Then the Lord told him that He was going to do something that would make every one who heard of it afraid; for He would send the dreadful punishment He had spoken of before upon Eli and his sons,—upon the sons for their wickedness, and upon Eli for not keeping them from doing wrong. And even although they offered up sacrifices and burnt offerings for their sins, He would not hear them nor forgive them.

After the Lord had finished speaking, Samuel lay still until the morning, and then he rose and opened the doors of the tabernacle, which was one of his daily duties. He was afraid to tell Eli what God had said. But Eli called him, and asked him what message the Lord had given to him. He said, "Do not try to hide it, for the Lord will punish you if you hide anything from me of what he said". So Samuel told him every word, and Eli said, "Let the Lord do what seems right to Him; I deserve to be punished".

And Samuel grew, and the Lord blessed him, and all the people knew that God had chosen him to be one of His prophets.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Eli? 2. What were his two sons like? 3. Why was God displeased with Eli? 4. What did He say would happen to his sons? 5. Who helped Eli in the tabernacle? 6. What did Samuel hear one night? 7. To whom did he go? 8. What did Eli say? 9. How many times was Samuel called? 10. Whose voice did Eli think had called him? 11. What did he tell Samuel to answer if the voice spoke again? 12. Did God speak to Samuel again? 13. Whom did God say He would punish? 14. What did Samuel fear to do in the morning? 15. What did Eli say to him? 16. How did Eli receive God's message? 17. What did Samuel become when he grew up? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

O give me Samuel's mind,
A sweet, un murmuring faith,
Obedient and resigned

To Thee in life and death,
That I may read with childlike eyes
Truths that are hidden from the wise. Amen.

—Hymn 577, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—62. **What is a Christian?** A Christian is one who loves and follows Jesus Christ. 63. **What does following Jesus Christ mean?** To follow Jesus Christ is to trust and obey him.

SHORTER CATECHISM—81. **What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?** A. The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbour, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

The Question on Missions

11. What is our church doing for the Chinese in Canada? Work is being carried on through Sunday Schools, Christian Associations, preaching services and personal visitation, by seven missionaries and a large number of Sunday School teachers and other workers.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Here is Samuel speaking to Eli. God had just called the little boy. He speaks to all



boys and girls in some way, though they may not hear His voice. He tells them to be good and kind. *Color the picture.*

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD HEED GOD'S VOICE