

**YEAR OF GLORY TO GOD:**

**“HOW WILL MY TESTIMONY MAKE THE "GLORY LIST OF 2021”?**

**“LET GOD HAVE HIS WAY”**

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# LET GOD HAVE HIS WAY

Text Isaiah 55:9-11

“Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.”

“<sup>10</sup>The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. <sup>11</sup> It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it. (NLT)

Brethren, it is a great privilege to have the Almighty God turn His face to us and communicate with us... whether in words, action, revelation, dream etc.

**If we blow that opportunity, we loose BIG TIME!**

**Unfortunately some people blow their opportunity.**

## Romans 7:21-25

<sup>21</sup> I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. <sup>22</sup> I love God’s law with all my heart. <sup>23</sup> But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. <sup>24</sup> Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? <sup>25</sup> Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God’s law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

**Paul is not alone in this many of us are there.**

We receive in our spirit to do something; and another voice pushes us to do the opposite. **Disobedience is a sin.**

It is a constant battle BUT we must **let God have His way.**

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## We know the story of Samuel

**Samuel's journey with God started with his mother who had a contagious faith.**

a.) Samuel 1 tells us that Hanna was barren, she went to the temple to pray and cried to God with promise, God gave her Samuel.

b.) Hanna dedicated Samuel to God at young age and Samuel did not revolt (1 Sam. 1: 22)

<sup>22</sup> Hannah said to her husband, "After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the LORD, and he will live there always." .....<sup>24</sup> After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was....brought him to the house of the LORD.....<sup>28</sup> So now I give him to the LORD. **For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD."** And Samuel worshiped the LORD there.

**Hanna let God have His way**

**Samuel let God have His way**

## **Hannah's Prayer to God with confidence**

**2** Then Hannah prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the LORD;  
in the LORD my horn is lifted high.  
My mouth boasts over my enemies,  
for I delight in your deliverance....

“**8**For the foundations of the earth are the LORD's;  
on them he has set the world.

**9 He will guard the feet of His faithful servants,**  
but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness.

**“It is not by strength that one prevails;  
10 those who oppose the LORD will be broken.**

**11** Then the boy ministered before the LORD under Eli the priest.



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## 1 Samuel 3, By letting God have His way, God distinguished

3 The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

2 One night ....Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." 5 And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. 6 Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

**7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.** 8 A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. 9 So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if He calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

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So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, **“Speak, for your servant is listening.”**

**Brethren, those words changed Samuel’s life for ever**

**1. God spoke to him at a time that the word of God was rare in Israel**

**1 Samuel 3:**<sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to Samuel: “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle.

<sup>12</sup> At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end.....He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, <sup>16</sup> but Eli called him and said, “Samuel, my son.”

Samuel answered, “Here I am.” <sup>17</sup> “What was it he said to you?” Eli asked. “Do not hide it from me. ...” <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him.

## **2, Samuel anointed the first two kings of Israel: Saul and David.**

### **1 Samuel 9**

<sup>15</sup> Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed this to Samuel: <sup>16</sup> “About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin. Anoint him ruler over my people Israel; he will deliver them from the hand of the Philistines. I have looked on my people, for their cry has reached me.”

<sup>17</sup> When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the LORD said to him, “This is the man I spoke to you about; he will govern my people.”

## **3. He was the one who rebuked Saul when he failed to let God have His way**

### **1 Samuel 13**

<sup>13</sup> “You have done a foolish thing,” Samuel said to Saul. “You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, He would have established your kingdom over Israel for ever. <sup>14</sup> But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the LORD’s command.”



## 4. He anointed David

**1 Samuel 16:** “The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve for Saul, when I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go; I will send you to Jesse ..., for I have chosen a king for Myself among his sons.”

.... **13** So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David.

**Brethren, if we let God to have His way, there are many promises He has made. For instance,**

In Deuteronomy 28:1-14

“If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the LORD your **God will set you high above all the nations of the world.** <sup>2</sup> You will experience all these blessings if you obey the LORD your God:.....<sup>8</sup> “The LORD will guarantee a blessing on everything you do and will fill your storehouses with grain.

**Habakkuk 3:19** “The Sovereign LORD is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread (walk) on the heights.”

**If you let God have His way, he will lift you up and set you on heights.**

**If You Don't Let God Have His Way, there are options**

**1. He can just forget about you and use someone else**

This is the case of Saul. He was replaced by David

**2. God can insist and force you to let Him have His way**

Either way, what God wants to do will come to pass. He will either use you or use someone else.

In Jonah 1, ... **Jonah flee from the LORD, BUT GOD REDIRECTED HIS PATH**

**1** The word of the LORD came to Jonah: **2** “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

**3** But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish.

**Through series of events, God redirected him to Nineveh.**

<sup>17</sup> Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

**Jonah 2:**<sup>1</sup> From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God.

<sup>10</sup> And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Jonah 3: **31** Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

<sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh.

**Brethren**, neither the replacement (like in Saul and David) nor the rigmarole of Jonah, is worth it. The best thing to do is to let God have His way.

**And some people may say, IN THAT CASE, I don't even want to hear God. I don't want God to speak to me. So I won't be accused of disobedience.**

But if you cannot hear God or God cannot speak to you, then you are not a child of God. And God cannot work in your favour.

In John 10:27-28, God said:

“<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: <sup>28</sup> And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”

**Isaiah 64:4 says** ““God works for those who wait for him!”

So brethren, let's ensure that we hear God. And when we hear, we need to obey and let Him have His way.

**GOD BLESS YOU.!**