

Second, we see that Samuel did not realise that it was God speaking to him, even though he was in God's house. There are many people nowadays who, when they read the Bible, do not realise that it is God who is speaking to them, even though it is God's Book which they read. So you should remember that, *when you read or hear the Bible, God is speaking to you.*

Third, although Samuel lived in God's house, he did not know God. *It may be that you who are reading this page do not know God.* Although you have been told about God, although you go to God's house and you read the Bible, it may be that you do not know God. If this is so, you should follow the advice that Eli gives to Samuel, which is the next lesson.

Fourth, Eli taught Samuel to pray to God. This is what you must do. You must pray to God and be willing to listen to Him and do as He says. God is telling you to believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and to turn from all your bad ways, and then you will be one of His servants. I hope you enjoy helping God's people, as Samuel enjoyed helping Eli; but *I hope you also want to serve God, to work for Him.* Are you listening to Him and doing as He says? All those who listen to and obey God's Word are His servants. They may do different jobs in this world, but they are all God's servants. Wouldn't you like to be one of them?

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## Should Henry get a Good Threshing?

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I AM not sure if the boy's name was Henry or not, but that is what we are going to call him. One day he went out to play and spent his time climbing trees. He was trying to reach the nests which the rooks had built in the trees. Probably it was not very safe to do that; Henry might quite easily have fallen and broken his leg or his arm, if he was not very careful. Anyway, a man who lived in one of the next houses saw him up in the trees. He thought that Henry was a very bad boy, so he decided to go and tell his father.

The man arrived at the manse door — Henry's father was a minister called Mr. Bonar. He told Mr. Bonar about what he had seen Henry doing. The man was not pleased himself and he thought Mr. Bonar should be very angry too. He told him, "I hope you will give the boy a good thrashing". What do you think Mr. Bonar said to the man? He asked him, "If I thrashed the boy for that, what would I do if he told me a lie?".

Now I don't think Mr. Bonar would have liked Henry to do anything that was dangerous, or to go to any place where he might fall and hurt himself badly. But he was sure that telling lies was something far, far worse.