

“The Value of God’s Presence”

I Samuel 4:1-7:2

Intro: We must always resist the urge to use God’s presence as a spiritual “good luck charm”. We must respect the gift God has given.

I. God’s _____ should not be taken lightly (41-22)

- They had God’s to _____ for wisdom (4:1-8)
 - But they took the Ark for _____
- It can be _____ through neglect (4:9-22)
- Ichabod – the _____ has departed
 - They knew it was a great _____

II. God’s presence has _____ (5:1-12)

- _____ to throw down _____
- _____ to _____ sin (6-12)
 - Even the _____ would die in God’s presence for his sin. (Lev. 16:2)

III. God’s presence demands _____ (6:1-7:2)

- He is always proved _____ (6:1-12)
- His presence should cause _____ (6:13)
- His presence should cause _____ (6:14-15)
- His presence should be _____,
not just _____ (Heart, not just mind)

* Note: It did not go to Shiloh, Shiloh was destroyed in battle

God’s presence has _____! It must be treated with the greatest _____ and respect!

“The Importance of How We Listen”

Luke 8:1-21

Intro: HOW we listen. Mary Poppins says “Well begun is half done,” but without the well begun, what hope do we have of finishing well. How we listen is critical to how we grow.

I. We can listen _____ (wayside) (5, 12)

- Our level of _____ shows what has _____
- What we do not _____ about gets lost.

II. We can listen _____ (rock) (6, 13)

- Our depth of _____ shows what is _____
- What we do not _____ dies off.

III. We can listen _____ (thorns) (7, 14)

- Our priorities show what is _____
- What we do not _____ will not _____

IV. We can listen _____ (good soil) (8, 15)

- Our integrity will produce _____

V. We need to hear and _____ (16-21)

- What we _____ always _____
- What we do shows who we _____

It matters how we listen to God’s Word.
We need to _____ it and _____ it!

I Samuel

Intro:

- I. Presence, ask, protection, lost, glory, loss
- II. Power, power, false gods, power, judge, priest
- III. Respect, worthy, joy, worship, respected, inspected

Conclusion: Power, fear

Luke

Intro:

- I. Carelessly, care, value, care
- II. Superficially, care, true, believe
- III. Selfishly, important, feed, grow
- IV. Honestly, fruit
- V. Respond, believe, shows, love

Conclusion: Seek, do