

1 Samuel 3:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

Analysis

Samuel's growth now takes on prophetic dimensions: 'the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.' The phrase indicates that everything Samuel prophesied came true - a key test of prophetic authenticity (Deuteronomy 18:22). The LORD's presence 'with him' contrasts with the departed glory that will mark Eli's house. Samuel's words are effective because God's Spirit empowers them. The boy who did not know the LORD now speaks words that the LORD consistently fulfills.

Historical Context

The test of prophetic authenticity in Deuteronomy 18:21-22 requires that prophecies come true. The phrase 'words falling to the ground' pictures failed prophecies collapsing without effect. Samuel's words stand and accomplish their purpose.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does the fulfillment of prophetic words authenticate divine calling?
2. What does it mean for God's presence to be 'with' a person in their ministry?

Interlinear Text

מִקְלָה יְהֹוָה שָׁמֹא לֹא עִם־וְכֵן הַיְהֹוָה לֹא יָגַד

grew

And Samuel

and the LORD

H1961

H5973

H3808

fall

H3605

H1431

H8050

H3068

דָּבָר יְהֹוָה:

אֶרְצָה:

was with him and did let none of his words to the ground

H1697

H776

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 39:2 (References Lord): And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

1 Samuel 9:6 (Parallel theme): And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go.

1 Kings 8:56 (Word): Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

Luke 2:52 (Parallel theme): And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

1 Samuel 2:21 (References Lord): And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

2 Timothy 4:22 (References Lord): The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:11 (Parallel theme): Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Luke 2:40 (Parallel theme): And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

Isaiah 43:2 (Parallel theme): When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

2 Corinthians 13:14 (References Lord): The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

From KJV Study • kjvstudy.org