



The Caller

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**Confidence
Corner
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In this week's *Confidence Corner* we will examine 1 Samuel 3:19. This passage is translated, "And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground." When you are reading in commentaries, you may find two different viewpoints regarding who the "his" is in the phrase "...and let none of his words fall to the ground." Let's briefly examine both thoughts that are sometimes offered as to who the "his" is.

Most commentators have taken the position that the pronoun "his" in 1 Samuel 3:9 simply refers to Samuel and the passage refers to his prophetic work—none of his prophetic words went unfulfilled. This would then stress that Samuel was a true prophet of God (Dt. 18:12ff).

In contrast to the interpretation above, a few commentaries try to limit the phrase "his words" to the LORD and suggest that the context and the Hebrew wording of the passage itself, refers to the judgments pronounced over the house of Eli. This interpretation would stress that the LORD fulfilled "His words" regarding the house of Eli.

Though from a word study perspective either interpretation is possible, the best suggestion seems to be the more traditional viewpoint—that Samuel was a true prophet in as much as the LORD did not allow any of his words (prophecies) to go unfulfilled. Both the fact that verses 19-21 stress the fulfillment of Samuel's words and continuing prophetic activity, weigh heavily in favor of the "his" in 3:19 being Samuel. Interestingly enough, though the "his" no doubt refers to Samuel's words, Samuel's words are provided ultimately by the LORD.

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Live Righteous Youth Rally **Elizabethtown Church of Christ**

July 28, Friday Night

- 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM - Registration
- 7:00 PM - 7:20 PM - Singing
- 7:20 PM - 8:00 PM - Keynote # 1: Matt Cook
"Where Devotion Starts"
- 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM - Bonfire & Food
- 9:30 PM - Go to Homes/Hotels

July 29, Saturday

- 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM - Registration & Breakfast
- 9:30 AM - Singing
- 9:40 AM - Keynote # 2: Matt Cook
"Devoted to God's Word"
- 10:20 AM - Class 1 -
Nathan Ferguson, Spencer Clark, Nick Secula
- 11:05 AM - Break/Switch Classes
- 11:15 AM - Class 2 -
Nathan Ferguson, Spencer Clark, Nick Secula
- 12:00 PM - Lunch (Provided)
- 1:00 PM - Class 3 -
Nathan Ferguson, Spencer Clark, Nick Secula
- 1:45 PM - Singing
- 2:00 PM - Keynote # 3- Matt Cook
"Devoted to Prayer"
- 2:45 PM - Dismissal

Sunday's Sermons:

***A.M. — Every Knee Shall Bow
Romans 14:10-11***

P.M. — 5th Sunday Night Singing

Oh Land of Rest For Thee I Sigh

Do you ever feel like the tasks you have to do will never end? I am guessing if you are like most people you would answer with a resounding yes! Our life is filled with tasks—some mundane—other essential. Even many mundane tasks have to be done whether we want to do them or not.

On any given day there are tasks we must do when we awaken. If we like a nice breakfast then effort goes into the making of it. Driving to work could entail the need to stop for gas. Bills must be paid. We have to go to the store and buy food. If we have kids preparing for college, or any school as far as that goes, we have so many tasks they never seem to end.

Then there are those who have life altering circumstances which not only add to the tasks they are now required to do, but they also are zapped of the energy to accomplish the doctors appointments and pay the medical bills that never seem to end. Those who deal with medical hardships truly astound me with their stick to it attitude.

Yet we know that though this life is full of never ending elements with which we must deal, our eternal life does not have to be viewed as such. It is no wonder we sing with heartfelt meaning, “Oh Land of rest for thee I sigh when will the moment come when I shall lay my armor by and dwell in peace at home?” I think we all grow weary and seek rest.

God promised a rest to the Israelites and He has promised a rest for “The Israel of Today” –the Church (Gal 6:16). But what does that rest mean? Will it mean absolutely nothing but lounging around in eternity?

In Hebrews 4:9 we are told that “there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.” But what will this final rest be like? Certainly, it will not be a time of inactivity. God is only resting from the works of creation; He is not completely inactive. He is still active in the works of providence and sustaining the world. Since we know that our final rest will be like God’s rest, we will also actively labor during our final rest. Our labor then will be an eternity of service and worship to our King, only the labor of our earthly trials will cease.

If one truly enjoys service to God in this life, they will be in a blessed state for all eternity. When I was a child I used to picture heaven as a place of rest where we sang praise to God. More so the indication from Scripture is that we will all be involved in service and worship to God throughout eternity. What a day that will be that will usher in eternity!

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