

"And the Lord called **Samuel** again the third time. So he arose and went to **Eli**, and said, 'Here I am, for you did call me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, "**Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.**"'"

(1 Samuel 3:8-9)

"Among Jacob's descendants, **a single figure should have simultaneously represented both divine goodness and divine truth**... But...the two functions were divided at first. The individuals who reigned over the people were termed... **judges [truth]**, while the individuals who performed religious ceremonies were called **priests [goodness]**.... Later **the two functions were combined in a single person, as in Eli and in Samuel.**"

(Secrets of Heaven 6148.5)

"So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name **Samuel [meaning 'God has Heard']**, saying, 'Because I have asked for him from the Lord.'"

(1 Samuel 1:20; see also Genesis 16:11, 29:33)

"*'Because Jehovah heard'* in the highest sense means **providence**; in a deep sense, **faith's willingness**; in an intermediate sense, **obedience**; on the surface, the sense of hearing; in the present case, a **willing faith** granted by the Lord alone. ... In an intermediate sense sight means intellect.... As for our ears, information we receive through them also turns into something 'visual' when it penetrates to our inner depths. What we hear, we see inside ourselves. Like the power of sight, then, the power of hearing symbolizes matters of intellect and of faith. However, our ears also persuade us that a thing is so, touching not only our **intellectual** but also our **voluntary** side and leading us to will what we see. That is why hearing symbolizes our intellectual grasp of some matter and obedience to it, and why on the spiritual plane it symbolizes **a willing faith [or faith in the will]**. [2] Since obedience and a willing faith are implicit in hearing, we use the words *hear*, *listen*, and *heed* to mean this in everyday language. Listening is obeying, and to heed someone is also to obey. ... [4] In regard to the intermediate symbolism of *Jehovah's hearing* (for which Simeon [and **Samuel** were] named) as obedience, and its deep symbolism as a willing faith granted by the Lord alone, this is evident from numerous passages in the Word ... [7] These passages mention both—both an intellectual faith (*seeing*) and a willing faith (*hearing*)—because the one follows the other.... That is to say, **faith in the understanding, meant by 'seeing', is followed by faith in the will, meant by 'hearing'.**"

(Secrets of Heaven 3869)

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"**Children** and young people are more immersed in heavenly [**celestial**] matters than adults are.... **Adults**, on the other hand, are more caught up in **knowledge** about these things than children and young people are."

(Secrets of Heaven 1453)

"The Lord flows directly into our intentions [our **heart**], and indirectly, through our intentions, into our thinking. In other words, the Lord flows directly into what is good within us, and indirectly, through that good, into what is true."

(Heaven and Hell 26)

"Regarded in itself, **praying is talking with God**, while taking an inward view of the things we are praying about. In answer we receive a similar stream of speech into the perceptions or thoughts of our mind, so that our inner depths open up to God, in a way. The experience varies, depending on our mood and the nature of the subject we are praying about. If we pray from love and faith and focus on or seek only what is heavenly and spiritual, **something resembling a revelation emerges while we pray. It discloses itself in our emotions in the form of hope, comfort, or an inward stirring of joy.** That is why praying, in an inner sense, means experiencing revelation."

(Secrets of Heaven 2535)

"When people with perception feel compassion, they know they are **being advised by the Lord** to help."

(Secrets of Heaven 6737)