

After Isaiah's jubilant enlistment into God's service, we see verses 9 through 12. God tells Isaiah to go and preach to His people. God calls Isaiah to a very difficult task; to preach to those who won't see, hear or understand. To preach until the cities are wasted and without inhabitant. To preach until the land is utterly desolate.

If you have read this far, are you still willing to tell God, "Here am I, send me"?

God's work is not always easy. Perhaps that is why the "laborers are few". Perhaps that is why God calls us "laborers". Perhaps He is looking for hard workers!

The Return of the Remnant

"But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, ... whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof."
(Isaiah 6:13)

In the final verse of this chapter, the prophet Isaiah tells us of the purpose for God's call to "hard work". God is preparing a remnant (a tenth in this case) of the people to return to Him. He is prophetically preparing for the "holy seed" (the Messiah) to be the "substance" of His people. **Praise Jesus!**

Conclusion

It is God's intense desire to have a holy

people, a people completely committed and sold out for Him.

- Have you had a glimpse of God's glory?
- Have you experienced the woe of realizing that you are "undone"?
- Have you known the joy of God's salvation?
- Have you felt the excitement of responding to God's call of "Who will go for us?"
- Have you sensed the frustration of God's call? Has it been difficult? Is it a "hard thing" to do?

Be Faithful!

Continue steadfastly in your labor for the Lord. **It is not in vain!** God's Word accomplishes what He sends it forth to do.

Perhaps you are laboring in the Gospel for a loved one and you long for their salvation. Keep at it... God is faithful!

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11)

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The Three "Then Said I's" of Isaiah 6

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"And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory." (Isaiah 6:3)

Isaiah chapter 6 is a relatively famous passage of Scripture. In this brief message, we want to study this chapter.

A Glimpse of our Glorious God

Isaiah 6:1-4

In the first four verses of this chapter, we see Isaiah receiving a vision of God. Human words cannot really describe God's glory, but these verses attempt to relate a little of what Isaiah saw.

Descriptions, such as "high and lifted up", try to lead us toward understanding God's glory. It is not enough for

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Isaiah to say that he saw the Lord "high" upon the throne (a place of utmost honor), but he added that the Lord was also "lifted up". God was high AND lifted up!

Likewise, the angels cried, "Holy, Holy, Holy"! Again, God's glory is so awe-inspiring, that even the angels, who had been with God since they were created, still cry "Holy" not once, or twice, but three times continually!

The First "Then Said I"

The Result of Glimpsing God's Glory

"Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."
(Isaiah 6:5)

The result of viewing the glory and holiness of God is an immediate and painful recognition of our sin.

Isaiah had already been a prophet of God. God was already using Isaiah to proclaim His Word. Yet, when Isaiah looked upon the holiness of God, he became keenly aware of his sinfulness.

Isaiah proclaimed his woeful condition. He announced that he was "undone".

Isaiah's proclamation basically said, "I am destroyed, cut off."

As Christians, we all should have experiences like Isaiah had. We should grasp (to some degree) the horror of our sin compared with the glory of our God. In some way, we should have realized and should continue to feel that we are "undone"... we need a Savior... and that Savior is Jesus Christ.

The Salvation of the "Undone"

"Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: (7) And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." (Isaiah 6:6-7)

Upon hearing the repentant cry of Isaiah, God dispatched help. The angel brought a hot coal from the altar of sacrifice. The angel touched this coal to Isaiah's lips and announced the removal of Isaiah's iniquities and sins.

The altar was the place of sacrifice and Jesus Christ, God's Son, was the sacrifice for our sin. Similar to Isaiah, when God hears our repentant cry, God applies the Blood of Jesus to our lives and cleanses us.

The Second "Then Said I"

The Result of God's Cleansing

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." (Isaiah 6:8)

After receiving God's forgiveness, Isaiah hears the cry of God's heart. God is seeking for someone who will go for Him and proclaim His Word. The grateful Isaiah immediately answers and says, "Me... send me... I will go!"

If we have truly experienced the joy of our salvation, we will respond to God with grateful exuberance. We will want to serve and please the God of our salvation.

Have you listened for the cry of God's heart? Have you responded to His call? Are you available for His use?

The Third "Then Said I"

The Result of Volunteering for God

"Then said I, Lord, how long? ..." (Isaiah 6:11)

Normally, God asks us to do difficult things. The heart of the truly repentant, truly forgiven child of God is willing to obey; however, that does not mean that we won't wonder... "How long?"