

Isaiah: Prince of the Prophets

Lesson 2

Isaiah 6:1-13

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Can One Person Make a Difference?

INTRODUCTION

There are two opposite ways that individuals may see their role in the world. The first individual is the self-assured, confident hero who believes he or she can absolutely save the day (or the world—think James Bond or Angelina Jolie action movies). The second is one who has no confidence or realization of his/her potential like George McFly in the “Back to the Future” movies. The latter person feels too small to matter. Neither the overly confident person, nor the person who thinks so little of himself or herself is ready to serve God.

In Isaiah 6 we find a prophet, Isaiah, instantly humbled by the sight of the Lord as he realizes his sinful state, who is then forgiven by the Lord. When the Lord announces the need for someone to take on an important assignment, Isaiah is quick to volunteer. His confidence comes from the Lord’s forgiveness, not his own self-importance.

Memory verse: “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’”—Isaiah 6:8

Pray, and read Isaiah 6:1-13. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?

1. Where does Isaiah find himself, and what does he see?
(Isaiah 6:1-4)
2. Isaiah, in prior chapters, has already been prophesizing for the Lord and warning the nation of Judah, but what is his response when he sees the Lord? (Isaiah 6:5)
3. What, in turn, happens after Isaiah's response?
(Isaiah 6:6-7)
4. What does the Lord immediately ask? What is Isaiah's response? (Isaiah 6:8)

5. What are the Lord's instructions to Isaiah? How long is Isaiah to continue? (Isaiah 6:9-12)

INTERPRETATION: What do the passages mean?

1. While most believers will not likely have an experience like Isaiah being in the Lord's throne room, what should their attitude (not necessarily action) be toward the Lord when in His presence? (Isaiah 6:5; Matthew 3:13-15; Hebrews 11:6)

2. When the Lord speaks through His Word or Spirit, He may have a calling for us. What might such a calling be? (Genesis 6:13-14; Isaiah 6:8-9; Acts 10:3-6, 17-21; 16:6)

3. How should believers respond to the Lord's request or calling? (Isaiah 6:8; Mark 1:16-20; Acts 17:10-12)

4. The Great Commission, Mark 16:15, is "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." How might people respond to this message? (Isaiah 6:9-10; John 12:37-41; Acts 7:55-60, 17:22-34)

APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?

1. Think about a time you experienced the Lord's presence. What was that like?

2. Note Isaiah’s quick response in Isaiah 6:8 and action in Isaiah 8:1-3. Think of a time you heard the Lord’s direction. Were you able to obey fully and quickly?

3. Write a short prayer asking for reminders to be sensitive to the Lord’s presence and for the courage to obey what He sets before you—including witnessing by word and deed.