

HERE AM I SEND ME

ISAIAH 6

Text:

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Isaiah 6:8

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.

Introduction:

Tell the story of the church that let their "W" fall off. A church in a community brought a piece of property and built a building. They were exciting about serving the Lord. They wanted to win the lost for Christ and encourage the saved to live for Jesus. They really had a vision for God. It was their desire to carry out the Great Commission. They put a sign over the door of their church: "WHERE THERE IS NO VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH.

Over the years they forgot their purpose and let the building run down and lost many of their people. Over the door of the church the sign had gotten in bad

disarray. It had become old and the paint was faded and one of the letter had fallen off. The "W" on the word "WHERE" had fallen off. Now it read: HERE THERE IS NO VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH.

Why is it that sincere, God loving people begin a work and it fails. THE ANSWER: - - THEY LOSE THEIR VISION.

What is our vision? Where are we going? What does the living God want to do through our church in the next few years? They will be challenging years but they can be the most rewarding yet.

WHAT IS A VISION?

(1) Well, the simplest definition is "to be able to see something?"

(2) To be able to put life in focus and know how to properly prioritize the events of your life. To be able to place the emphasis on the important and not waste time, talent, and energy on the unimportant.

Having a vision is not a crystal ball or hearing audible voices. It is the belief in one's heart that God is going to do something that is consistent with His Word and consistent with His will, and believing that what God is going to do will have an amazing impact on your life.

Having vision is having the confident belief that the promises of God are going to be realized in the future of our church."

In the passage we read this morning Isaiah had lost his VISION and this is the spot where he regained it. The King had died – politics were bad – the people were corrupt – the economy stunk – people were not interested in God.

Note these things that Isaiah saw that you and I must see if we are going to be the Christian that honors Christ and pleases Him.

1. ISAIAH HAD A VISION OF GOD (VS 1-3)

Isaiah 6:1-4

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. [2] Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. [3] And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. [4] And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

A. Notice the stateliness and splendor around the throne of God.

1. Temple
2. Sitting on a throne - high and lifted up
3. Seraphims crying Holy Holy Holy in the Lord of Host.
4. The place was shaken when they spoke and smoke filled the temple.

We need to see God:

Isaiah 40:28

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

2. ISAIAH HAD A VISION OF HIMSELF (VS 5)

Isaiah 6:5

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.

A person will never get a real picture of themselves until they see themselves in the presence of the living God.

They will think to highly of themselves or will think to critically of themselves. Only when you see yourself as God see you will you get a true picture.

Isaiah said,

A. "Woe is me"

B. "I am undone" (a work in progress)

3. ISAIAH HAD A VISION OF OTHERS

Isaiah 6:5

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.

A. I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Isaiah 64:6

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Isaiah saw people who were lost. Our Lord saw the multitude as sheep that had no shepherd.

4. ISAIAH HAD A VISION OF GOD'S REDEMPTIVE POWER

Isaiah 6:6-7

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.

A. God's grace can reach you - wherever you are, or whatever you may have done.

B. His grace can cleanse you - change you and restore you.

C. Iniquity taken away - Sin purged

5. ISAIAH HAD A VISION OF HIS TRUE PURPOSE IN LIFE

Isaiah 6:8

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.

A. Heard the Lord - Whom I shall send - who will go for us?

B. He am I - send me.