Prepared For Service

Tony Mauck · Isaiah 6:1–13

INTRODUCTION

- As his workers today, perhaps we need the same preparation.
- Isaiah, because of what he saw, because of the importance of the Lord's work. Because of what he knew. He was prepared to serve.

1 A Vision of God's Glory and Power

Isaiah 6:1; Isaiah 40:31

- What prepared Isaiah initially for service is what he saw. He saw God sitting on his throne.
- To be prepared for service. We need to have a vision of God's glory and power.
- Vision infuses passion. And if we're going to have a passion for the Lord, it is going to begin with seeing him for who he is.
- Clear vision of God is the beginning and the fuel for effective service.
- It's all about him and not about us.

2 Overwhelmed by Our Personal Sin and the Sin of Others

Isaiah 6:5

- We need to be overwhelmed by our personal sin and the sin of others. That was Isaiah's first response.
- Woe is me. I'm ruined. I'm in the presence of holiness, and I am a sinner.
- I am still dependent and will always be so. And I am unworthy.
- I need to be compassionate because others like me are flawed as well.

3 We Need to Receive God's Forgiveness

Isaiah 6:6–7; 1 Corinthians 5; Matthew 18

- We need to receive God's forgiveness. For Isaiah was the touch of a burning coal.
- For us, it is the submission to the Lord's will and being baptized in the likeness of his death and resurrection predicated upon our repentance and confession.
- Every one of his messengers, every one of his servants are flawed.
- So respect the servant for the work that he or she does.
- Do not tie your faith to any man or person. But to the living God.

4 Respond to God's Call for Service

Isaiah 6:8; Galatians 6:9

- We probably need to look at ourselves a lot more than we're looking at others. And then we need to respond to God's call for service.

- Lord, show me a way that I can be used. Use me to help someone.
- Secondly, employ me toward your ends and for your glory. Let this be about you, not about me.
- Number four, drive me away from selfishness and worldliness.
- Let us not grow weary in doing good. For in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary.
- Everyone's a critic. Everyone thinks they could do it better or say it better. And maybe they could. But they work hard for us.

5 Be Willing to Preach to Those Who Will Not Hear

Ezekiel 3; Ezekiel 18

- Be willing to preach to those who will not hear. Frankly, we preach a message that's not popular to the masses.
- Most in our culture want religion on their terms.
- I'm going to make your forehead as hard as flint. That's what I need. I need a forehead like flint.
- Let us not be a people who will not hear and who refuse to change.

THE CHALLENGE

Will you and I, will we be, as we're about to sing, holy to the Lord.

MY NOTES