

**THE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHED
TO ISAIAH'S DIVINE CALL AND APPOINTMENT**

Scripture: Isaiah 6:9-13

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**I. THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND BIBLICAL
CONTEXT**

The word instruction is defined as procedural (set of orders) or directions, and knowledge or information imparted.

The instructions are either written or verbalized for a given reason. When we follow the instructions given by God, we are more than blessed, we see lack turned into abundance, failure into success, shame into glory, helpless situations turned around, and ordinary into extraordinary.

Since the creation of man, down through the history of time, God has given specific instructions through prophets, priests, judges, evangelists, missionaries, pastors, and teachers of the gospel. Instructions have been given to individuals and to nations of people for healing, repentance, redemption, deliverance, and salvation.

There are ensamples from Genesis to Revelation that God has given specific instructions to His divinely called, anointed, and appointed spokespersons to summon the people to be spared of His wrath and judgment beforehand. However, as in our text today, we see the people stubbornness, harden hearts and deafened ears to God's instructions which only led to their own spiritual demise and God's judgment.

God's instructions to Israel have been specific and purposeful. They did not follow His instructions wholeheartedly. When they failed to do so they suffered severe consequences. Likewise, we are to follow God instructions as given to us in the Word of God. Obedience to God's instructions benefit us. It does not benefit God

because He is already God. He is all powerful, only wise, marvelous in all His doings and perfect.

II. **THE LESSON: The Specific Instructions attached to Isaiah's Divine Call and Appointment**

1. **Isaiah 6:9a. The Charge**

When Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" He answered, "Here I am. Send me!" He did not hesitate. He had a heart that had been in the presence of God. He had a heart that knew its own sinfulness. He had a heart that knew the need of the people and the need for God's Word. He had a heart that had been touched by God's cleansing fire. He had a heart that heard God's heart to reach the people. Isaiah was ready to fully submit himself to the will and service of the Lord. God's charge to Isaiah was clear and precise; "Go and tell this people." He wanted to be used by God. He was ready and willing to do whatever God's assignment would be. Isaiah did not go on His own. He knew that he was being sent by God. Many are quick to say, "Here I am, I will go" but never wait for the Lord to send them.

When we say, "Here I am, send me" to the Lord, we should expect that He will say "Go". He may say, "Go and serve Me here" or "Go and serve Me there" but God will always have a "Go" for us. When God has transformed your heart, give you new life, redeemed your soul, delivered from you from your own destruction, know God like you have never known before, and experience His grace and mercy in ways that are inexpressible, you then ready to do and go wherever the Lord has need of you.

As the old hymn goes, God has no hands but those that strive to mend the broken hearts of wounded kin, God has no feet but those that stride to win another soul to enter in. God has no eyes but those alert to see someone distressed, some soul in need,

God has no voice unless we yield to be a vessel willed to boldly sing.

God's call is now for us to build and keep the living Church, Christ's Bride to be, so we must work and sow the seeds, and trust God's promises to reap. Here am I, Lord, send me. Here am I, I'll heed Your voice, obey Your will. Here am I, Lord, send me I will gladly do Your bid!

2. Isaiah 6:9b-13. God's Specific Instructions

God's specific instructions to Isaiah were to go and warn the people about their sins, but they will close their ears and refuse to listen. Their rejection would be as though they had never heard and never seen. The more he preached the harder their hearts became toward God. God's Word will continue to fall on deaf ears as it has been in the past.

Isaiah asked the Lord the question of how long? He had a very difficult assignment in preaching to people who were in rejection to God's Word. How long will it be before God act? How long will have to keep on preaching? How long is the question? God response to Isaiah was that he was to continue preaching divine judgment until the cities were desolate and the people have gone into exile. He should preach in hope of the restoration of a remnant. Even though his ministry was difficult, it was not without hope. A tenth will remain in the land, even though they will eventually be judged. Israel was not done being disobedient when they returned from the Babylonian captivity, and God was not done bringing His judgment on a disobedient Israel. Though the people were unfaithful, God remains faithful to Who He is and to all His promises. Only because of His mercy and His promises to Israel, God did not allow them to be completely destroyed. God always give us hope. The terebinth and oak trees are resilient. Though they lose their leaves in the winter, and sometimes are cut down to the stump, these trees somehow remain alive. Once spring comes, the leaves grow back, and new branches sprout from the stump.

The stump shall be a holy seed. We know this holy seed to God's Son, Jesus Christ, the ultimate plan of salvation and redemption not for Isarel but for the entire world.

Galatians 3:16, "The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.'

III. Conclusion

God has a plan and purpose for everyone. He instructions to every disciple of Jesus Christ is to go and make disciples. But to know God's specific instructions for our going we must study the manual which the Word of God, listen to the voice of God, and be present for the preached message. Lastly, ask God to give you the grace for obedience. He has need of us and the mandate remains the same – go.