#### Here Am I, Send Me?

Isaiah 6:1-13

#### Introduction:

- A. How many times have you been asked to do something you did not want to do?
- B. Throughout the Bible, we see God call ordinary people to do extraordinary things
- C. When God was looking for a volunteer to send to the people, Isaiah responded, "Here am I, send me?"
- D. I have no doubts that most of us, want to be able to say those same words uttered by Isaiah. In order for us to get to the point of desire like Isaiah, there are some things we should consider.

### Realize God is Still in Control (vs. 1-4).

- A. Isaiah experienced a glorious vision in a time of crisis. Their beloved king of 52 years had just recently passed away.
- B. In the midst of this critical time, Isaiah goes to the temple.
- C. Isaiah was reminded that the true King was still sitting on His throne.
- D. In the midst of violence, turmoil, heartache and pain...God is still in control. (Psa. 146:10; 2 Chron. 7:14).

### **Understand Who We Are (vs. 5-7)**

- A. Isaiah has a sense of utter weakness. He feels unworthy to be in the presence of such a glorious God.
- B. When we see ourselves in light of God's glory, we realize how unworthy and sinful we are (Rom. 3:23; Isa. 64:6).
- C. We shouldn't try to go about cleansing others until we have first been cleansed ourselves.
- D. Once we come to see the glory of God and what He has done for, we should cry, "Here am I, Send Me!"

## **Develop the Courage to Persevere** (vs. 9-12)

- A. Isaiah is told that the people would resist the message. People don't want to listen to a message that contradicts the lifestyle they are living (2 Cor. 4:4).
- B. We are living in the midst of a world who refuses to listen and respond to the message of God's Word because they don't like what the message is about (2 Tim. 4:1-5).
- C. "We do not have to make it acceptable, but we do have to make it available."

## Share a Message of Hope (v. 13).

- A. In spite of all Israel was to endure at the hand of the Babylonians and others throughout history, Israel would not be completely wiped out.
- B. Even in the midst of persecution and violence; in a world full of sin and debauchery, we need to share a message of hope: Jesus is coming and He wants to be the Lord of one's life. Jesus came to offer live (Jn. 10:10).
- C. Just as God promised a remnant would remain, and through it Jesus would come, in the same way we have hope that God will keep His promise to us that a remnant will remain when He returns.

# **Conclusion:**

- A. What is your attitude toward whatever it is that God is calling you to do tonight?
- B. The church needs more dedicated people who are willing to do whatever it is God is calling them to do.
- C. Like Isaiah, we should be willing to say, "Here Am I, Send Me!"