

HERE AM I SEND ME

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Morning Message by Ray Reynolds (June 2, 2013)

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Text: Isaiah 6:1-13

Introduction: This particular statement: “Here am I, send me” was spoken by Isaiah (**Isaiah 6:8**). It’s a great statement that could have been made by many in the book of Acts. This is why it will serve as our textbook for the summer quarter. What makes the story in **Isaiah 6** so significant? How does it relate to the work of the church in Acts? What can we learn from it? Let’s study together....

Discussion:

I. God Recognizes Our Humanity

God has always sent humans to do His work (**Jeremiah 7:25, Ezekiel 2:3, Matthew 10:16, 28:19-20**).

Not all of humanity responds the same way: Jonah: “Here am I, I’m not going” – **Jonah 1:1-3**,

Moses: “Here am I, send Aaron” – **Exodus 3:10**, Isaiah: “Here am I, send me” – **Isaiah 6:8**

II. God Permits Our Hearing

I Corinthians 1:2, II Timothy 1:9, I Thessalonians 4:7, John 17:17, I John 2:15

Do we hear that we need to be the salt of the earth (**Matthew 5:13-15**)?

Do we hear that we need to be the light in the world (**Matthew 5:14-16, Philippians 2:14-15**)?

Do we hear that we are merely sojourners and pilgrim (**I Peter 2:11-12**)?

Do we hear that we are called to serve (**Romans 12:3-8, I Peter 4:7-12**)?

Do we hear the call for evangelism (**Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Acts 16:9-10**)?

Do we hear the call of the gospel (**Romans 10:12-15, Matthew 25:15, 19, Romans 10:17**)?

III. God Demands Our Holiness

Holiness is the Divine attribute, an unavoidable truth, and unquestionable fact.

Exodus 15:1-18, I Samuel 2:2, Psalm 98:1, Psalm 145:17, Isaiah 6:3, John 17:11, I Peter 1:16-25,

I John 1:5, Revelation 4:8

What happens when we are exposed to God’s Holiness (**I Peter 1:14-16**)?

IV. God’s Will Conveys Humbleness

What is God’s will? (**II Peter 3:9, I Timothy 2:1-6, John 3:16**)

What did Jesus do?

IN YOUTH: “I must be about my Father’s business.” (**Luke 2:49**)

IN ADULTHOOD: “It is fitting to fulfill all righteousness.” (**Matthew 3:15**)

IN LIFE: “My Father works, and I work.” (**John 5:17**)

IN SUFFERING: “Not my will, but Yours be done.” (**Luke 22:42**)

IN DEATH: “It is finished.” (**John 19:30**)

What does this mean? (**John 20:21, Luke 9:23, II Corinthians 5:18, Matthew 5:9**)

Conclusion: Why do people get nervous when we talk about evangelism and the Christian mission? Evangelism goes beyond the preacher, the missionary, or the teacher. It simply means taking the gospel everywhere you go (**Acts 8:4**). God is sending you to teach family, friends & neighbors (**John 1:40-42**), our community (**Acts 5:28**), and eventually the world (**Acts 17:6, Romans 1:15**). Are you ready to be a living witness? Have you shared your story? Can you say, “Here Am I, Send Me!”?