

Whom Shall I Send? Who Will Go for Us?

Isaiah 6:1-9

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*"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory."*

⁴ *At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵ "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."*

⁶ *Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."*

⁸ *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "**Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?**" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ⁹ He said, "Go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving."*

The Lord's Worth

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The Sinner's Confession

Isaiah 6:5, *"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."*

The King's Question

Isaiah 6:8a, *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "**Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?**"*

The Saint's Response

Isaiah 6:8b-9, *And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ⁹ He said, "Go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving."*

What Others Are Saying About Obedience

"If we will allow the Holy Spirit to bring us face to face with God, we too will hear what Isaiah heard—'the voice of the Lord.' In perfect freedom we too will say, 'Here am I! Send me.'"

– Oswald Chambers

"He asks us to be personally willing to be sent, because he himself is Love, love that is always 'on mission,' always reaching out in order to give life."

– Pope Francis

"The pioneering missionary to Africa wrote this prayer in his diary: 'Lord, send me anywhere, only go with me. Lay any burden on me, only sustain me. Sever any ties but the tie that binds me to Thy service and to Thy heart.'"

– David Livingstone

"We do well to embrace such truth, setting forth in each new day with the consecration of 'Here am I, send me.'"

– A.W. Tozer

"To be able to say to God, 'I will go wherever you send me.' It is the 'wherever' that scares me."

– Hudson Taylor

10 Reasons Why We Don't Go

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| 1. Fear | 6. Distractions |
| 2. Shame | 7. Lack of Compassion |
| 3. Insecurity | 8. Lack of Knowledge |
| 4. Personal Comfort | 9. Perfect Timing |
| 5. Busyness | 10. Loss of Control |

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Faithful

Luke 16:10, *Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.*

Available

Galatians 6:10a, *Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people ...*

Teachable

Proverbs 9:9, *Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.*

How To Start Giving God Your "Yes"

1. Start with the King – not the crisis.
2. Start with honest confession – not concealing.
3. Start with cleansing – not credentials.
4. Start with surrender – not self-protection.
5. Start with today – not tomorrow.
6. Start with small – not big ambitions.
7. Start with where you're planted – not where you want.
8. Start with hearing His voice – not worldly advice from others.
9. Start with a focus on others – not on what's best for you.
10. Start with trusting God – not in your own ability.