

Qualities needed in the church today

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Introduction

1. Text Isaiah 6:1-8
2. In our text we find the call and the commission of Isaiah
3. No one will be called or commissioned as Isaiah but there are some qualities in this section that the church sorely needs today.
4. As Judah did not listen to Isaiah, so today people are not listening, are we learning from the things written afore time. Romans 15:4
5. Let us notice the qualities that the church needs today

II Discussion

1. To see God as He is: Isaiah 6:1-3
 - a. Majesty vs 1 (greatness)
 - i. How David felt about God 1 Chronicles 29:10-11
 - ii. God is clothed with majesty Psalm 93:1
 - iii. Isaiah tells of the majesty of God Isaiah 2:10
 - b. Holiness Vs 3
 - i. Moses song tells of the holiness of God Exodus 15:11 quoted Revelation 15:4
 - ii. The men of Bethshemesh who understood the holiness of God after some looked into the ark I Samuel 6:20
 - iii. Isaiah tells of the holiness of God Isaiah 6:3; 57:15
 - c. Greatness Vs 4
 - i. Moses prayer tells of the greatness of God Deuteronomy 3:24
 - ii. The Psalmist tells of the greatness of God Psalms 77:12-14; 104:1; 135:5; 145:3
 - iii. Isaiah declares the greatness of God Isaiah 12:6
 - d. Goodness
 - i. The Psalmist saw the goodness of God Psalms 25:8; 33:5; 34:8; 119:68; 145:7
 - ii. Isaiah declares the goodness of God Isaiah 63:7
2. To see ourselves as we truly are Vs 5
 - a. He was a man of unclean lips – He was a sinner Romans 3:10, 23; Psalm 14:1
 - b. When we consider God and who He is then compared to Him we are unclean.
 - c. God must be personal – not based on someone else. Philippians 2:12 Acts 16:30
3. To see others as they truly are Vs 5
 - a. This is to see their lost condition and that they need salvation Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16
 - b. We have the treasure in earthen vessels 2 Corinthians 4:7
 - c. We are labors together with God 1 Corinthians 3:9; 2 Corinthians 6:1
 - d. Since they are lost we must take the Gospel to them Acts 8:4
4. To see forgiveness as it truly is Vs 6-7

- a. The cost of forgiveness, it cost somebody something!
 - b. The great cost of forgiveness was the Son of God giving His life for us. 1 Timothy 2:4-6; 1 Peter 1:18-19
5. To see who needs to go do the work of the Lord vs 8
- a. We are to go 2 Corinthians 4:7
 - b. If I don't do my part then it won't get done! Or someone else will have to stop what they are doing and do my job.
 - c. There is a need for elders, preachers and teachers who will answer the call?

III Conclusion

- 1. Are these qualities a part of your life?
- 2. Are you willing to stand up and say, "Here am I send me?"
- 3. Why not start doing what God wants you to do today!

Source: Principles and Perils of Leadership by Franklin Camp; A commentary on Isaiah by Homer Hailey