

Isaiah 6:9-13
Isaiah's Commission

Herald of God's Message (9-10)

Be ever hearing – but not understanding (Hebrews 5:13-14)

Be ever seeing – but not perceiving (II Corinthians 4:1-5)

Become calloused of heart – ears that are dull and eyes that are blind

That they might not see, hear, or understand (Exodus 8:15, 19, 32; 9:7; 10:27)

That they might not turn (II Thessalonians 2:10-12)

How long? (11-12) – consider Jeremiah's faithfulness

Until the nation is desolate – judgment is coming (II Peter 3:10-13)

Until the people are exiled – all God's promises (including judgments) are true

Holy Seed in the land (13) – Jesus alone is the faithful One (Psalm 92)

Remnant still needs refining (Philippians 3:12-14)

We need to be made like Him (Romans 8:28-29)

We will be like Him (Philippians 3:19-21 / I John 3:1-3)

Redeemer is the only hope

For salvation (John 14:6)

For sanctification (Galatians 3:1-3)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 6:9-13

What is necessary for us to truly understand God's word? (II Corinthians 2:14 / Ephesians 1:17-18 / John 7:17 / James 1:22)

What is not guaranteed even if we are faithful in ministry? (II Timothy 4:9-18 / John 12:37-40 / Acts 28:25-28)

What causes followers of Jesus to fall away? (Matthew 7:21-23; 13:18-23 / Galatians 5:2-6)

How does God's truth sometimes cause people to harden their heart? (Psalm 36:1-2 / Romans 1:21-23 / Ephesians 4:17-19)

What is guaranteed for those who stubbornly refuse God's grace and love? (Hebrews 10:26-31 / John 3:36)

What is truly our only hope? (II Corinthians 1:20 / Titus 2:13-14)

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True understanding comes with practice

Be ever seeing – but not perceiving (II Corinthians 4:1-5)

Satan, the deceiver, blinds the unbeliever

Become calloused of heart – ears that are dull and eyes that are blind

That they might not see, hear, or understand (Exodus 8:15, 19, 32; 9:7; 10:27)

Pharaoh first hardened his own heart

That they might not turn (II Thessalonians 2:10-12)

God will allow hardened heart to be deceived

How long? (11-12) – consider Jeremiah's faithfulness ***We must never stop proclaiming God's truth, including His judgments (Acts 24:25)***

Until the nation is desolate – judgment is coming (II Peter 3:10-13)

It is unexpected (Luke 17:26-29)

Until the people are exiled – all God's promises (including judgments) are true

Holy Seed in the land (13) – Jesus alone is the faithful One (Psalm 92)

Remnant still needs refining (Philippians 3:12-14) ***We have not arrived!***

We need to be made like Him (Romans 8:28-29)

Suffering is part of God's purpose to refine us

We will be like Him (Philippians 3:19-21 / I John 3:1-3)

He guarantees the finished product (I Thessalonians 5:23-24)

Redeemer is the only hope

He is the only one able to redeem us, and He has done it (John 19:30)

For salvation (John 14:6)

For sanctification (Galatians 3:1-3)

We must allow the Spirit to have His way in our lives

Discussion questions for Isaiah 6:9-13

What is necessary for us to truly understand God's word? (II Corinthians 2:14 / Ephesians 1:17-18 / John 7:17 / James 1:22) ***We must have the Spirit of God within us.***

Our spiritual eyes must be opened to fully see His truth.

We must put His teaching into practice in our lives.

We must obey His teaching and commands.

What is not guaranteed even if we are faithful in ministry? (II Timothy 4:9-18 / John 12:37-40 / Acts 28:25-28) ***That others will respond to our teaching and/or our love.***

That everything will go well – sometimes it seems to be the opposite (I Peter 1:6-7)

That the ministry will grow – consider the lives and ministry of Jesus and Paul

What causes followers of Jesus to fall away? (Matthew 7:21-23; 13:18-23 / Galatians 5:2-6)

They don't comprehend His truth. They have false expectations. They become distracted by the world. They do not truly know Him – have a relationship with Him. They seek to please Him by their own efforts – becoming caught up in legalism and self-righteousness.

How does God's truth sometimes cause people to harden their heart? (Psalm 36:1-2 / Romans 1:21-23 / Ephesians 4:17-19) ***They are so blinded by their own heart that they cannot see what is true about themselves. They are deceived by the lie and seek to find satisfaction in the very things that will eventually destroy them.***

What is guaranteed for those who stubbornly refuse God's grace and love? (Hebrews 10:26-31 / John 3:36) ***They will face the wrath of God (John 3:36) They have no hope (Proverbs 11:23)***

What is truly our only hope? (II Corinthians 1:20 / Titus 2:13-14)

Jesus has done everything for us – His promises stand (II Corinthians 1:20)

He is the blessed hope – we cannot find hope in anyone or anything else