

Introduction

- I. God prepared Isaiah for his calling by showing him the amazing vision recorded in the beginning verses of Isaiah 6.
- II. In the text we find the mandate that God gives Isaiah - you will preach my truth and be rejected.

A Prophet's Mission

I. Preaching Truth Clearly

- A. Isaiah is called to go and preach to the people of Judah so that they hear, but understand not, and see but perceive not. Was Isaiah to make sure they did not believe?
- B. This calling of a prophet is most fully manifest in the ministry of Jesus Christ.
- C. We are called to bring the truth of God's Word in the world today understanding that it may have the affect of hardening hearts.

II. Accomplishing God's Eternal Purpose

- A. The focus of the chapter is holy, sovereign Lord of heaven and earth Who accomplishes His eternal plan of sovereign predestination (election and reprobation).
- B. This is exactly why Isaiah needed the vision of God's glory.

III. Trusting God's Goal

- A. Although Isaiah has seen God's glory and is motivated to serve the Lord, he struggles with the mission God gave him, which is evident from the question in vs. 11, "Lord, how long?"
- B. Notice God's response to Isaiah.