

Isaiah 6:9-13

Isaiah's Vision Part 2: God Hardens The Reprobate

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Isaiah's Mission

Isaiah 6:9-10 He said, "Go, and tell this people:
'Keep on listening, but do not perceive; Keep
on looking, but do not understand. 'Render the
hearts of this people insensitive, Their ears
dull, And their eyes dim, Otherwise they might
see with their eyes, Hear with their ears,
Understand with their hearts, And return and
be healed."

Total Inability

hearts, ears, eyes, eyes, ears, hearts

Who Hardens The Heart?

Matthew 13:10-11, 14-15a And the disciples
came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to
them in parables?" Jesus answered them, "To
you it has been granted to know the mysteries
of the kingdom of heaven, **but to them it has
not been granted**...In their case the prophecy
of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'You will
keep on hearing, but will not understand; You
will keep on seeing, but will not perceive For
the heart of this people has become dull.

Who Hardens The Heart?

➤ **God is ultimately sovereign**

Romans 11:7-8 What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, **but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened**; just as it is written, "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes to see not and ears to hear not, down to this very day."

Who Hardens The Heart?

Romans 9:21-23 Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor? **What if God, wanting to show** His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, **and** that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory...

God Doesn't Harden Soft Hearts

Elect

God intervenes

Reprobate

God "leaves alone"

Romans 3:11 there is no one who understands, there is no one who seeks God.

John 3:19 This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

Man's "Lostness" Is His Own Fault

➤ **Moral Inability**

➤ **Natural Ability**

Romans 10:6-8 But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down), or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching...

Lesson 1

➤ **We must remember that we are personally culpable for unbelief!**

Hebrews 3:14-15 For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end, while it is said, "Today if you hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts, as when they provoked Me."

Judah's Judgment Foretold

Isaiah 6:11-12 Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He answered, "Until cities are devastated and without inhabitant, houses are without people and the land is utterly desolate, the Lord has removed men far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land."

God Keeps His Covenant Promises

Isaiah 6:13 Yet there will be a tenth portion in it,
And it will again be subject to burning, Like a
terebinth or an oak whose stump remains
when it is felled. The holy seed is its stump.

Seed = Zera – “The One and the many”

The One And The Many In Isaiah

Isaiah 11:1-2 Then a shoot will spring from the
stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will
bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on
Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of
knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Isaiah 41:8 But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob
whom I have chosen, descendant of Abraham
My friend...

The Many Receive Messianic Blessings

Isaiah 53:10 But the Lord was pleased To crush
Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render
Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His
offspring, He will prolong His days, And the
good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His
hand.

Isaiah 66:20 For just as the new heavens and
the new earth Which I make will endure before
Me,” declares the Lord, “So your offspring and
your name will endure.”

Lesson 2

➤ **We can trust that God is faithful even when we are unfaithful!**

2 Timothy 2:11-13 It is a trustworthy statement:

For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, **for He cannot deny Himself.**
