

The call of God –Proper and poor responses

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Jeremiah and Ezekiel

Ezekiel 24:18 So, I spoke to the people in the morning, and at evening my wife died. And on the next morning I did as I was commanded. (Good attitude)

The subject of the Pa. Conference was II Timothy (1st four chapters).

II Timothy 4:5...we are told to do the work of an evangelists.

The Lord's calling and our willingness to want to do His bidding are often in conflict and we make excuses.

Jeremiah:

1. Jeremiah 1:4-10 God clearly tells Jeremiah that he was ordained of the Lord before he was born. (vs. 5)
2. Jeremiah told God "I cannot speak; for I am a child." God tells him not to say "I am a child...for thou shalt go to all who I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak." (vs. 6)
3. "Be not afraid of their forces for I am with thee to deliver thee saith the Lord." (vs. 8)
4. "The Lord put forth his hand and touched my mouth... and have put my words in thy mouth" (vs. 9).

Moses (Exodus): (Moses came with two objections to speaking for the Lord: Unwilling)

1. Unbelief of the People:

Exodus 4:1 They will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice; for they will say the Lord hath not appeared unto thee.

God had training session showing himself with the rod, leprosy, healing, and gave him the sign of blood, as water was poured out on the land.

- a. Rod turned to snake (speaks of the power of a small thing in God's hand and with His direction what can happen).
- b. Hand turned leprous. (vs. 6)
- c. Gave him power over the river. God told him to remind them of the signs and then take water from the river and it would turn to blood as he spread it on the land.

2. His lack of eloquence (vs. 10)

- a. Moses then let his thoughts turn inward and forgot who already knew his ability to speak or not for the Lord. Lord had great plans for Moses, but Moses looked at himself and his surroundings and didn't see God, only the reasons why he couldn't do the Lord's will and be His spokesman.
- b. Lord said "Who has made man's mouth, etc."
- c. Go and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

- d. Still asks the Lord to get someone else.

Opposite View —Willing attitude (Isaiah):

1. Is. 6:8 Whom shall I send, and who will go before us? Then said I here am I; send me.
2. What was difference in Moses, Jeremiah and Isaiah?
He had seen the Lord, high and lifted up. Took low place, had his lips touched by a hot coal (speaks of self judgment), and he was willing to trust God to lead in getting God's word out to a wicked group.

****Romans 10:15** How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings to good things. Vs. 17 Faith cometh from hearing and hearing by the word of God.

****Psalm 81:10** I am the Lord thy God...open thy mouth wide and I will fill it.

The challenge to believe and then return to God and His Word. (Isaiah 45, 46, 47)

1. Honor God (Isaiah 45:9). "Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it.. ."
2. Isaiah 45:21 ...no God beside me. vs. 22 ...look unto me and be saved. v. 23 ...every knee shall bow...every tongue shall swear. .

Also see Phil. 2: 10, 11...every knee should bow.. .every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

3. Is. 46:8-13 Remember this, 1) shew yourselves men: bring it again to mind. 2) remember the former things of old; there is none else, I am God, and there is none like Me.
4. Isaiah 47:8 ...thou art given to pleasures, that doeth carelessly.

Must know Him to speak for Him

1. Jesus said, (Acts 1:8) Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and to the uttermost part of the earth.
2. John 3:7 (Jesus and Nicodemus) Marvel not that I said unto thee ye must be born again. Vs 34...I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.
3. John 3:14-18...Belief removes condemnation.
4. Roman 3:23...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
5. Luke 18:5...except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.
6. Romans 6:23...The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
7. John 1:12 & 13...As many as received Him to them He gave the power (right) to become the sons of God, even to those that believe on His name, which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
8. Romans 10:8,9 & 10, 13.
9. Ephesians 2:8, 9, 10 For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works lest any man should boast, for we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus, unto good works...
10. Pray and be thankful for each other. Phil. 1:3 & 6 "...I thank my God upon every remembrance of you...He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it..."