

GOD'S POWER IS FOR GOD'S PURPOSE

Family Devotion – Lesson 72

MEMORY VERSE – ISAIAH 6:8

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.”

- The prophet Isaiah heard God asking a question: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” God was looking to send someone to the nation of Israel with a message. Isaiah volunteered to go.
- God empowered Isaiah to fulfill this calling:
 - God gave Isaiah a *vision* of His holiness to inspire him and open his spiritual eyes.
 - God gave Isaiah a personal *purification* and spiritual *cleansing* before he went out.
 - God gave Isaiah *courage* to speak the truth about Israel's corruption and idolatry.
 - God gave Isaiah *insight* to the prophetic future.
 - God gave Isaiah *hope* to share with others.
 - God gave Isaiah *strength* to continue through hard times.
 - God gave Isaiah *repentance* and *trust* so he could be an example to others.
- It is important to also know that God empowered Isaiah *to hear the voice of the Lord*. Have you ever heard the voice of the Lord? God speaks to us through the Scriptures and His Spirit. “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches” (Rev. 2:7).
- God used Isaiah in a great way back in his day (700 A.D.). He is also using him to inspire us even today! Remember, what you do for God today will affect others in the future.
- God is still looking for messengers to go. Are you willing to say, “*Here am I; send me.*”?



QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Why do you think God purified Isaiah before he sent him out?
- Why do you think God uses people to carry the message of the gospel, instead of using angels?
- Why do we need God to empower us with courage?



PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to open your eyes to something he wants you to do.
- Ask God to help you surrender all of your life to Him.



CHALLENGE

- Read a missionary letter and pray for the missionary to have courage and strength to reach people with the gospel.