

God's Call to the Major Prophets

Ezekiel 2, Jeremiah 1, Isaiah 6

For the sake of cataloguing, we often split the Bible into various groups. It makes it easy for research and being able to find specific passages within the Bible. In the Old Testament, many different prophets were inspired to write letters and preach to God's people. They are broken into two major groups due to the length of their books not necessarily by their importance. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel are considered major prophetic books while Hosea through Malachi are considered minor prophetic books. For this lesson, we will look at how God called three of the Major Prophets (excluding Daniel) and compare that to how God interacts with us in our lives and ministry.

EZEKIEL

1) Where was Ezekiel and what did He receive from God?

Ezekiel 1:1

2) Ezekiel 1:2-27 described Ezekiel's initial vision. Read it for context and understanding to what God revealed. After this vision, what did the Lord do and say initially to Ezekiel?

Ezekiel 1:28 – 2:2

3) What was God's mission and to whom was Ezekiel to relay this message?

Ezekiel 2:3-5

4) What did God say to encourage Ezekiel on His mission?

Ezekiel 2:6-7

5) What did God say next and what did Ezekiel do in the vision?

Ezekiel 2:8 – 3:3

6) Remember that Ezekiel was a part of the exiled. How do you think Ezekiel felt when receiving the call to proclaim God's message?

7) Why do you believe the Lord wanted Ezekiel to do the task in question 5? What purpose would this serve for his ministry?

JEREMIAH

8) What did the Lord say to Jeremiah?

Jeremiah 1:1-5

9) What reason did Jeremiah use in not being able to accomplish God's call?

Jeremiah 1:6

10) What did the Lord say and do to encourage Jeremiah?

Jeremiah 1:7-10

11) What are the two visions that God gave Jeremiah?

Jeremiah 1:11-13

12) What did the visions mean?

Jeremiah 1:14-19

13) To God no one is too young or old to be of service for Him. Why would God chose people that do not fit our usual standard or qualifications?

14) Jeremiah's initial words to the people were regarding destruction. How would you have responded if God came to you to relay a similar message to the community, church, or family?

ISAIAH

15) Describe Isaiah's vision of God.

Isaiah 6:1-4

16) What was Isaiah's response to this vision?

Isaiah 6:5

17) What did one of the angels do to Isaiah and why?

Isaiah 6:6-7

18) What did God say and what was Isaiah's response?

Isaiah 6:8

19) What did God tell Isaiah?

Isaiah 6:9-13

20) Isaiah was humble before the Lord realizing his own shortcomings. However, God remedy those issues so Isaiah could be of use. What does this say about the Lord dealing with our weaknesses and us? Why is it important to be humble before the Lord?

21) Isaiah was willing after his interaction with God to do His will. How should we respond when God calls us into action?

22) Not all ministries or gifts are the same. Read the scriptures below and list a few of the ones mentioned by Paul.
Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Ephesians 4:11-13

Instead of a Just a Thought, I wanted to let you know that when we talk about ministry from this lesson on we are not just talking about people who preach and sing, or those who build churches. Instead, the idea is to find out what gifts you have and how does God want you to use them. I'm sure we have done this many times before, but list at least one gift or talent that God has given you. Now pray and ask God for guidance on how He would like you to use that gift.