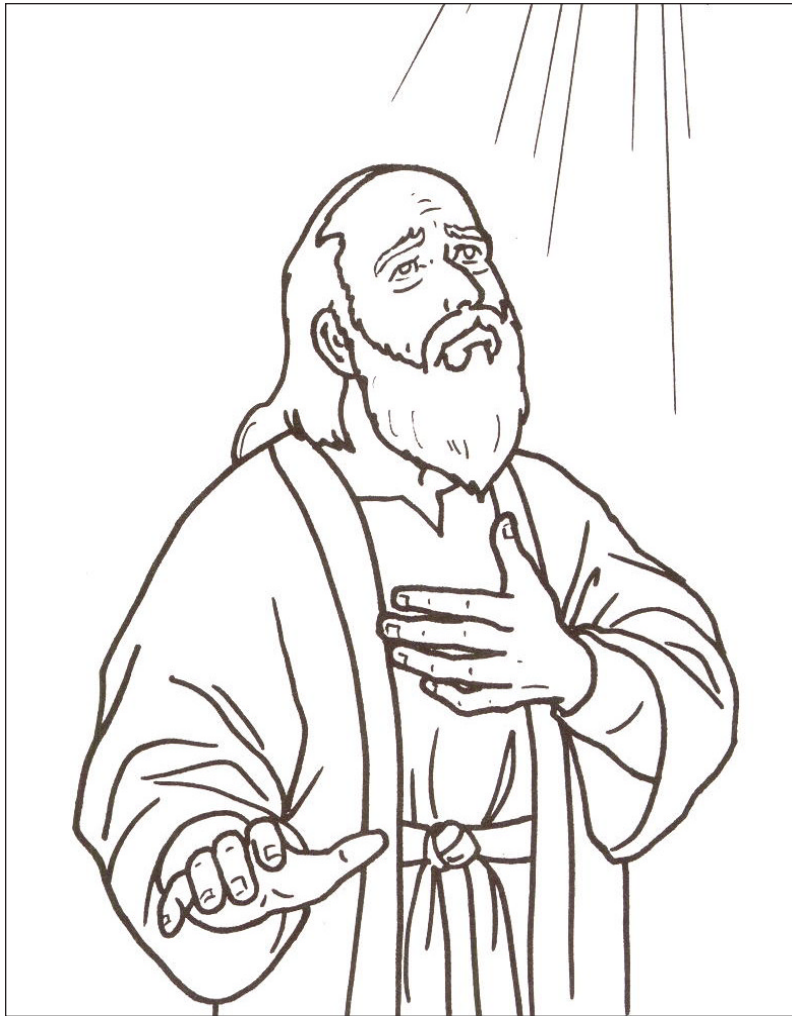
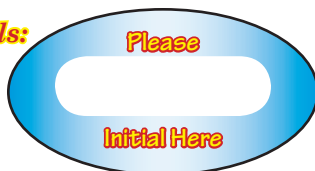


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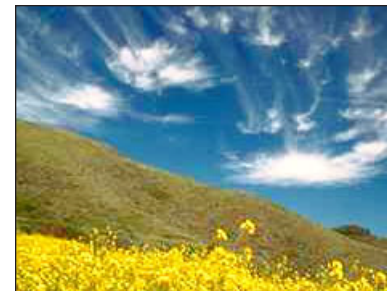
The Character of God's People

- Lesson Ten -

Submissive - Yeilding and Obedient Seen in the life of Isaiah

I. Overview.

Isaiah was a prophet in the Old Testament during a time when the people of Israel were turning away from God. God needed someone to go and speak to the people for Him. It was going to be a difficult job, not one that someone would readily want to do.



Isaiah's being submissive made him very useful to God.

God came to Isaiah and gave him a vision of Himself. God said to him "whom shall I send?" Isaiah knew that God was wanting to send him, so he responded "Here I am, send me".

God sent Isaiah to speak to Israel several times. Isaiah always submitted and obeyed God and became a person so useful in God's hands. Even though God was not happy with Israel, because of Isaiah's obedience, He was able to speak many wonderful things about His promise to send Jesus Christ to be the Savior for Israel.

II. Memory Verse.

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us? And I said, Here I am; send me."

(Isaiah 6:8)

III. Lesson.

To be submissive means to be yeilding and obedient. To be yeilding means that we obey, doing what we have been asked to do, even if we don't want to do it. It is very important that we all learn to do what is asked of us. We need to have a submissive character. This means that we don't have resentment in our heart when we have to do something that we don't really want to do.

Isaiah Was Submissive and Obedient

Certainly it was not Isaiah's desire to bring a harsh word from God to the people of Israel. The rebellious people had mistreated God's prophets before and they would most certainly mistreat Isaiah also. But even though it was not what Isaiah wanted to do, and it was going to be a hard job, Isaiah was submissive. This means that he obeyed God from his heart. He did what God was asking of him without having any resentment in his heart.

Isaiah Becomes the Most Useful Prophet



- SUBMISSIVE -
Obedient & Yeilding

Because Isaiah was so submissive and obedient to God, God used him to speak more than any other prophet. For example, many of the books of the prophets in the Old Testament are less than ten chapters long. Some are as short as one or two chapters. But Isaiah's book of prophecy is sixty-six chapters long. God spoke many needed corrections to Israel through Isaiah's faithful speaking. However, because Isaiah was so faithful and submissive, he also was able to reveal many wonderful things about the coming Savior, Jesus Christ.

A Submissive Attitude Makes Us Pleasant and Useful

Few things are as pleasant as a person who is submissive and obedient. They always are so helpful and willing to meet any need. Not only is a person like this very pleasant, but they are also very useful. They will be blessed throughout their entire life, and will also be a great blessing to others. Both those who send them to work will be blessed, as well as those to whom they are sent. Having a submissive character is one of the secrets of having a happy life. Such a character frees us from having anger and resentment within when we are asked to do something.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What does it mean to be submissive?

2. Why did God come to Isaiah? What was He wanting Isaiah to do?

3. How do we know that Isaiah was so useful?

4. What kinds of things did Isaiah speak?

