LORD, SEND ME

TEXT: Isa. 6:8-12
INTRO: The Lord has a job to do. He always uses people to do His work. Isaiah wanted to be used of the Lord. He wanted to do the Lord's work. He volunteered to go for the Lord. He said, "...HERE AM I; SEND ME." He didn't volunteer another prophet. He didn't make excuses. He didn't try to get out of anything. The Lord was giving him a opportunity and he was ready and willing to go.

I. THE WORK - MESSAGE.
   A. Message About Jesus.
      1. Jesus is the Saviour of the world.
         Matt. 1:21
      2. Jesus is our wonderful advocate.
         1 John 2:2
      3. Jesus is our constant intercessor.
         Hebs. 7:25
      4. Jesus is our compassionate mediator.
         1 Tim. 2:5
      5. Jesus is our sacrifice and sin-offering.
         John 1:29
   B. Message About Judgment.
      2. The work of the saved will be judged.
         II Cor. 5:10
      4. Since Judgment is coming you must prepare to meet God.

   C. Message About Justification.
      1. Man is a sinner by nature, choice, and practice. Rom. 3:23.
      2. He is guilty and will be judged of the Lord. Rom. 3:19.
      3. The only way he can be justified is to trust Jesus as Saviour. Rom. 5:1
   D. Message About Joy.
      1. There is great joy in knowing Jesus as personal Saviour. Phil. 4:4
      2. There is joy in knowing your sins are forgiven. Eph. 1:7
      3. There is joy in knowing you are saved and heaven is your eternal home. I Pet. 1:4

II. THE WAY - MESSENGER.
   A. Sent To Help.
      1. Paul referred to himself as a servant.

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IV. THE WITNESS - MAGNIFYING.
A. Jesus is a Compassionate High Priest. Hebs. 4:15
B. Jesus is a glorious creator. John 1:1-3
C. Jesus is the ever living intercessor. Hebs. 7:25
D. Jesus is the Lamb of God. John 1:29
E. Jesus is the Way, Truth, and Life. John 14:6
F. Jesus is the resurrection and life. John 11:25
G. Jesus is our mediator. I Tim. 2:5
H. Jesus is our advocate who is righteous. I John 2:1
I. Jesus is our propitiation. I John 2:2
J. Jesus is the Light of the World. John 8:12
K. Jesus is the King of King and Lord of Lords. Reb. 19:16
L. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. John 10:11
M. Jesus is Emmanuel. God with us. Matt. 1:23
N. Jesus is the Word. John 1:1,14
O. Jesus is the Messiah. John 4:25,26
P. Jesus is the Only Begotten Son of God. John 3:16
Q. Jesus is the Bread of life. John 6:51
R. Jesus is the living water. John 4:10
S. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the message. We are to ever tell the story of our blessed Saviour and His glory.

The Ministry of the Spirit in our Work

Text: Acts 20:28 Johnny Williams

I. THE SPIRIT CALLS US. I Tim. 1:12
A. To be servants of Christ. I Cor. 4:1
B. To be stewards of the gospel. I Cor. 4:1
C. To be steadfast in our task. I Cor. 4:2

II. THE SPIRIT COMMISSIONS US. Acts 13:2
A. The Spirit Selects. V. 2
1. The Men
2. The Ministry. Eph 4:11-12

B. The Church Sends. V. 3
1. Authority is in the Church. Matt. 28: 18-20
2. God is Glorified through the Church. Eph. 3:21

III. THE SPIRIT CONTROLS US. Acts 16:7-10
A. Controls the Place of Service.
B. Controls the People of the Place.
1. God's stops are as important as His starts.
2. When God closes one door it's because he wants us to see another one.
Are We for Real

TEXT: Rom. 12:9-13  Maxie Haynes

I. THE PRINCIPLES OF LOVE.
   A. DEFINED
   B. DECLARED
   C. DISCIPLED

II. THE PATTERN OF LOVE.
   A. Genuine V. 8
   B. Discriminates V. 9
   C. Devoted V. 10
   D. Humble V. 10
   E. Faithful V. 11
   F. Enthusiastic V. 11
   G. Dedicated V. 11
   H. Buoyant V. 12
   I. Endures V. 12
   J. Communion V. 12
   K. Contributes V. 13
   L. Large-Heartedness V. 13

III. THE PURPOSE OF LOVE.
   A. Evidence to self.
   B. Proof to others.

Suffering as a Christian

TEXT: I Pet. 3:14-8

I. SUFFERING FOR THE LORD. V. 14
   A. The buffetting.
   B. The blessing. Matt. 5:12
   C. The bothering. Josh. 1:9

II. SANCTIFYING THE LORD. V. 15
   A. The avenue.
   B. The asking.
   C. The answer, Acts. 26:2

III. SATISFYING OF CONSCIENCE. V. 16
   A. A good conscience.
   B. A guilty conviction.
   C. A godly conversation.

IV. THE SIMPLICITY. V. 17
   A. The will of God.
   B. The well doing.

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C. The way. I Pet. 2:23

V. THE SCRIFICE. V. 18
   A. The offering.
   B. The objective.
   C. The operation.

SATAN'S INSULTING QUESTION

TEXT: Job 1:9  George Crawford

INTRODUCTION:

A. Some people say, "You be nice to me God, and I'll be nice to you. But if you aren't, then you don't get my support."
   1. This is what Satan thought was Job's attitude toward God.
   2. And no doubt there are those who have this attitude.

B. People respond to trials and afflictions differently.

C. Satan's question was challenging Job's motive.
   1. Satan could not argue with God's assessment of Job. V 1
   2. So he did something more dastardly, he questioned Job's REASON for being righteous.
   3. And this was very clever too, for it implies that no man worships God unselfishly, but only for what he can get out of it.

I. SATAN'S QUESTION WAS AN INSULT TO JOB.

A. Because it implied Job feared the Lord for personal benefits.
   1. "Since you've been nice to Job he will be nice to You."
   2. "He wants you to keep the cookies coming to him, he knows the hand that feeds him, so he licks it and he likes it."
   3. "But you take your blessings away and you will see his true colors he will curse you to your face."

B. It implies Job's godliness was artificial - only skin deep.
   1. "Without God's blessings, the surface devotion would go."
2. "Job worships You just as payment to ward off trouble."

C. The question also reflected on Satan himself.
   1. He thought Job was energized by SELFISHNESS because Satan himself is selfish.
   2. Satan could not imagine anyone having any other motive because that's the only motive he has, seen people like that today?
   3. Some go thru the motions of prayer, devotion, worship and spiritual services in order to be rewarded.
   4. They are devout because of the dollar.

II. SATAN'S QUESTION WAS ALSO AN INSULT TO GOD.

A. His view of this – the only way God can get man to worship and serve Him is to coax him.
   1. Satan is saying, "Man is like a fish – he'll not bite if there's no bait – so God must bait man for man to worship Him.
   2. Satan is accusing God of being a carrot-dangler. He held in front of Job an appealing carrot in which Job saw 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 1,000 oxen, 500 donkeys, dozens and hundreds of servants, a big family with ten kids, and the REPUTATION of being the greatest man of the east.
   3. You can have FINANCES, FAMILY & FAME, if you'll worship ME.

B. If this implication were true, it would demean and lower God's relationship to man.
   1. Satan is accusing the God-man relationship as a bribed one.
   2. And that takes the very heart out of grace.
   3. That takes love out of the relationship between God and the worshipper.
   4. Do we serve God for His glory or our good? Because of gift or giver? Do we worship God only when things are pleasant and then forget Him, question Him, turn from Him, rebel against Him, when things go bad?

III. WHY DID GOD ALLOW SATAN TO ASSAULT JOB?

A. I believe it was because both God's and Job's reputation were at stake.
   1. If Satan's allegations against Job were true, then Job was a hypocrite.
   2. And if God accepted warped worship and soiled service, then God was not righteous.

B. One of the purposes of the Book of Job is to demonstrate that worship is not a give and get bargain.
   1. Job's suffering served to silence Satan's insinuations.
   2. It's possible that Christian suffering today is saying, "God is worthy of our worship regardless of the circumstances!"
   3. The Book of Job raises the question, Why do the righteous suffer? but it doesn't ANSWER the question! Instead it responds to the question with "Why should the righteous worship?"

C. What was Job's reaction to the four terrible blows that hit him?
   1. If Satan's accusations were true, we could expect to read "Job cursed God, turned against Him & forgot Him."
   2. But instead, he WORSHIPPED God.
   Job 1:20-22

D. Satan wanted to prove Job's faith was false, but the trials proved his godliness was genuine.
   1. Satan wanted to destroy Job, but the trials served to develop him.
   2. Satan wanted to blast what he assumed was a bribed, false, hypocritical relationship, but the trials bettered the relationship.

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ANXIETY

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Text: Psalms 42:1-11
Intro. There is a certain emotion in all of us that is called WORRY. When someone in our family is sick WE WORRY. When times seem to get hard and we are not sure of our job and finances, we worry. Some people worry because they worry so much. Others worry when there is nothing to worry about wondering what is about to happen. It is a sin to worry.

I. WHAT HAS WORRY EVER GOTTEN YOU?

A. Our story is that of David running from his son, Absalom.
   1. David, brought this tragedy on himself by sin.
   2. God had forgiven him.
   3. God had placed him on the throne and promised it would be perpetual...forever.
   4. God had promised David, if he did His will, his enemies would flee before him.
   5. Why was he worried?

B. II Chron. 16:1 'Sent money to Ben-Hadad
to come and help protect Jerusalem.
1. God had promised to protect Jerusalem.
2. It was useless to ask man to protect something that God had already promised to protect under certain conditions.
3. If God wanted to break it down, it would be broken down if every nation in the world were there to protect it.
4. What was the use in worrying for Asa?

C. In your own life, you should know, that God can and will make things turn out right, if you seek His face, and believe in His power.
1. Food and substance. Matt. 6:33
2. Against enemies. Matt. 5:10-12
3. Having a protective companion. Matt. 28:20
4. What is your need to worry.

D. Did worry ever get you anything?
1. Did it ever win a battle?
2. Did it ever get a raise?
3. Did it ever bring a boy home safe from war?
4. Did it ever put one grain of food on the table?
5. It did do one thing, and that is make hair become gray prematurely, and bring wrinkles to the aging brow.

II. WHAT WILL WORRY GET YOU?
A. I became a pastor in 1968 and was in perfect health.
1. I mean I had never been in a hospital in my life, and I was 26 years old.
2. The most sickness I had ever had was childhood diseases and a stomach ache.
3. I had this burden about souls being saved, people being faithful to God in service.
4. Mind you there is nothing wrong with being concerned. We all should be.
5. But I begin to worry about why the people were not flocking in to hear me preach. I visited everyone in the community to tell them I was there and had the truth.
6. In 1972 I went to Sulphur Springs as full time pastor.
   a. It wasn't very long until I developed a burning sensation in my upper stomach that went straight through my back.
   b. By the time I came to Timpson this was well developed and a few added complications.
   c. I had developed colitis, spastic stomach, and a peptic ulcer.
7. The question is, What caused this? Worry about something I could do nothing about...people, finances, and sickness.

B. How many of you could trace your life in the way I traced mine and admit your wrong?

C. WORRY is a simple lack of faith in God's promise and a failure to believe and lean on Him, who dissolves all worries.
1. I did not say being saved will solve all your problems, but it will give you access to one who can help you through them.
2. And one who can and will provide for you while you are going through them.

Conclusion: Read this Psalm again and see the answer to the emotion of worry. More than likely you will not take this advice. You might though remember it when you get into the shape worry will finally get you in.

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WHAT GOD WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO DO WITH HIS WORD

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Text: II Tim. 2:15; 3:16, 17

INTRODUCTION:
A. God's word is here to stay. Matt. 24:35
B. The Lord commands! Matt. 28:19, 20; II Tim. 2:2; 4:2
C. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to both TEACH and REMIND us of the word! John 16:13-15

I. THE LORD WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO KNOW THE WORD!
A. Prov. 23:23; John 5:39; II Tim. 2:15
B. He tells us some benefits from knowing the truth.
1. Light for the journey of life. Psa. 119:105, 130
2. Freedom. John 8:32
3. Cleansing. John 15:3
4. Sanctification. John 17:17
5. Fellowship. I John 1:3
7. Full Joy. I John 1:4

II. THE LORD WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO RECEIVE THE WORD.
A. Ecc1. 5:1 Go to church to hear the word.
B. Acts 17:11; Matt. 13:23. There can be no spiritual growth nor fruitful life apart from God's Word!
C. He wants us to MEDITATE upon His word!
   1. Hear Him. Psa. 1:1
   2. Hear Him again. Col. 3:16
III. THE LORD WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO BE GROUNDED AND SETTL ED IN HIS TRUTH!
   A. Col. 1:23 speaks of His desire.
   B. This is why there are special helps as preachers, pastors, and teachers. Eph. 4:11-15
   C. Does not our Saviour warn of false teachers? Matt. 24:11; Acts 20:30; I Tim. 4:1

IV. THE LORD WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO USE THE WORD!
   A. In determining RIGHT and WRONG--TRUTH and ERROR!
      1. Hebs. 5:14
      2. EverY PERSONAL DECISION ought to be determined by the question, WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT THIS?
   B. The Lord wants His children to USE His word in SELF DEFENSE against the onslaughts of Satan and satanic people. Eph. 6:17 Christian living is not a Sunday School picnic, it is a wrestle with principalties, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, spiritual wickedness in high places. Eph. 6:12
   C. The Lord wants His children to USE the word to COMFORT one another. I Thess. 4:18; Mal. 3:16

V. THE LORD WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO SHARE HIS WORD!
   A. Truth will only survive as SOME ONE PASSES IT ON TO OTHERS.
   B. He wants us to BE READY TO GIVE ANSWERS. I Pet. 3:15
   C. Teach them all things. Matt. 28:20
   D. It is the Word that PRICKS the heart. Acts 2:37; 7:54
   E. The word converts. Psa. 19:7

BASIC THOUGHTS
CONCERNING
MARRIAGE

Text: Hebrews 13:4
Introduction:
   A. OVERVIEW.
      1. General thoughts concerning marriage.
      2. Realizing the responsibility.
      3. Husband-wife relationship.
   B. OBVIOUS SPECULATION-problems connected with marriage.
      1. The reason why there is an increasing problem of marital break-down is that there are stronger voices than the voices of scripture in our land today.
      2. There are stronger influences than the church in our land today.
      3. There are even professed christians who are not living up to the biblical principles of marriage.
      5. We need to have an adequate understanding of the biblical principles of marriage.

I. THE PURPOSES FOR MARRIAGE.
   A. Fellowship. Gen. 2:18
   B. Partnership. Eph. 5 (In establishing a home.)
   C. Biological needs-sexual part. I Cor. 7:1-5
   D. Propagation of the race. Gen. 1:28
   E. Love. Eph. 5
      1. Love manifested to each other.
      2. Love received from each other.

II. THE PRINCIPLES INVOLVED.
   A. Principles in premarital relationships.
      2. Keep the golden rule. Matt. 7:12
      3. Judge yourself by the same standards you hold up for others. Matt. 7:3
      4. Be a good example. I Tim. 4:12
      5. Remember that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. I Cor. 6:19,20
      6. Do nothing that will hinder your spiritual happiness and testimony. I Cor. 8:9
   B. Principles in marital relationships
1. Christians are to marry only christians. II Cor. 6:14
2. Christians should have the direct leading of God about marriage plans.
3. Marriage should be accepted around a Bible standard.
4. Marriage should be lasting.
5. Genuine love is essential to a happy marriage—not just outward physical attraction.

C. Principles in selecting your mate.
1. Man's selections of wife. Prov. 31
   a. Virtuous. V10
   b. Trustworthy. V11
   c. Benevolent. V12
   d. Industrious. V13-19
   e. Sympathetic. V20
   f. Characterized by strength and honour. V25
   g. Wise and kind in her speech. V26
   h. Leads her children-challenges her husband. V28-30
   i. Primary beauty is of the heart. V30
2. Wife's selection of husband.
   a. One who is a christian. II Cor. 6:14-16
   b. One who she can reverence. Eph. 5:33
   c. One who you're well quainted with.
   d. One who possesses genuine character. It is better to marry a fellow who is worth a $100,000 but doesn't have a cent, than to marry a fellow who has $100,000 but who isn't worth a cent.
   e. One who possesses a vital faith in Jesus Christ.
   f. One who is kind and generous.
   g. One who is thoughtful and unselfish.
   h. One who is honest and truthful.
   i. One who would make a good father for your children.

III. THE PRE-EMINENT NEED IN A MARRIAGE.
A. Both parties saved.
B. Both parties understand the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
CONCLUSION:
A. Who and what is controlling your life today?
B. Do you have your money, or does your money have you?
C. The life of joy, grace, power, and financial freedom that Paul talks about doesn't begin with our pocketbooks. It ends there.

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CHRIST-LIKE?
Could I be called a Christian if everybody knew
My secret thoughts and failings, and everything I do?
Oh, could they see the likeness of Christ in me each day,
Or could they hear Him speaking in every word I say?
Could I be counted Christlike if other folks could know
That I am found in places where Jesus would not go?
Oh, could they hear His echo in every song I sing?
In eating, drinking, dressing -- is Christ in everything?
Could I be counted Christlike if judged by what I read?
Or by my recreations, and every thought and deed?
Could I be counted Christlike as I now work and play--
Unselfish, kind, forgiving to others every day?

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever." Psa.23:6