

## I. A Hard-Hearted Reception (Isaiah 6:9-10)

- A. Jesus taught the multitude in parables and His disciples asked why He did this.
  - 1. Matthew 13:13 *Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.* 14 **And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias,** which saith, *By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:* 15 *For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.* 16 *But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.*
  - 2. This principle is illustrated by the pillar of cloud/fire which led the Israelites at the time of the Red Sea crossing — Exodus 14:19 *And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:* 20 *And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; **and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these:** so that the one came not near the other all the night.*
    - a) "The same sun that melts the wax hardens the clay."
    - b) "Light received brings more light, light rejected brings more darkness."
  - 3. Willful blindness is followed by judicial blindness.
- B. Continual rejection of the conviction and leading of the Spirit leads to a minimizing of His conviction (for both lost and saved.)

C. The rejection of Christ prophesied in Isaiah 6 is reiterated in Isaiah 8:13 *Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. 14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.*

1. Those who receive the truth of Christ will find Him the unshakable Rock upon which their faith will stand every trial and test.
2. Those who reject the truth of Christ will find more and more darkness and instability will be their portion.

D. 1 Corinthians 1:26 *For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.*

## II. The Virgin Birth of Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14)

A. The virgin birth of Christ not only fulfilled this prophecy, but the very first prophecy recorded in Genesis 3:15 *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and **her seed**; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

B. Jesus is eternal God, but when He was conceived in the womb of the virgin Mary, Jesus (eternal God) became flesh

1. Galatians 4:4 *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*
2. 1 Timothy 3:16 *And without controversy great is the mystery of*

*godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;***

C. The deity of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of the Church.

1. In Matthew 16:16 Peter identified Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God.
2. Matthew 16:17 *And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

D. The ultimate fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14 is yet future.

- Philippians 2:8 *And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

## III. His Galilean Ministry Foretold (Isaiah 9:1-2)

- Matthew 4:13 *And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: 14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, 15 The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; 16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.*