Resurvection Life of Jesus Church BLOW THE TRUMPET IN ZION RLJ-1093 JOHN S. TORELL AUGUST 5, 2007 PART 3A: WHY DOES MAN REJECT THE CALL OF GOD?

INTRODUCTION

Why are the two following things hard to accomplish?

- 1. Every Christian knows how hard it is to witness to people and tell them about God, Jesus Christ and the great plan of salvation.
- 2. Every pastor who is on fire knows how hard it is to get people in the congregation to walk in holiness and be on fire for the Lord.

The answer can be found in the Gospel of John, where Jesus told us that unless God draws a man toward himself, no man can come by his own will (**John 6:44; 65**). Furthermore, when God calls a person and they refuse to hear, God is angered and will make that person stubborn and unable to respond, so that God can bring judgment on them.

- □ Moses tested the grace of God to the limit. **Exodus 4:1-18**
- □ Jonah had to go through the anger of the Lord. Jonah chapters 1:1-2:10
- □ Pharaoh was given the chance to respond to God, but instead of saying yes, he rejected God. **Exodus 5:1-9**
- U When Pharaoh rejected God, God hardened his heart. **Exodus 7:1-5**

THE CALL OF ISAIAH

This is a tragedy which very few Christians have thought about or even understand. God was ready to judge the children of Israel and called Isaiah as a prophet to make sure the warning had been sounded. **Isaiah 6:1-13**

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DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?