Luke 9:1-6 The Twelve Sent Out to Preach The Kingdom of God and Heal

1 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. 2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. 3 And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. 4 Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. 5 And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them." 6 So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. NKJV

Luke 9:10 **Disciples return and report**

10 And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. [Luke 9:10] NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- The Disciples were sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. [Matthew 10:5-6]
 - ❖ Revelations of God came to the World first through the Children of Israel as a light or example to the Gentiles.
 - ♦ Only after it had first been delivered to the Children of Israel, was it from them delivered to the Gentiles. [Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47, Acts 13:45-47, Romans 1:16-17, 2:9-10, (2:1-29), 3:1-2, (3:1-31)
 - ♦ This was evidenced as God brought Israel out of Egyptian bondage, that Israel first, the Egyptians, Pharaoh, and the nations might hear and know that Yehowah is the Only God over all the earth.
 - ♦ Yehowah gave the godly righteous laws first to the Children of Israel from Mount Sinai
 (Horeb), as contrast to the laws of other nations.
 - ♦ Yehowah sent All His prophets through the Children of Israel, except Balaam the sorcerer, whom God used to deliver a prophecy concerning Israel and the Messiah of Judah, when Balak king of Moab wanted to curse Israel.
 - ❖ Israel became God's example to the World, that God does everything He has said He would do, and will fulfill everything He has spoken through the prophets of Israel.
 - ❖ That includes the blessings and abundance promised Israel for obedience to God's laws. [Joshua 21:45, 23:14, 1 Kings 8:56]
 - * It also includes the curses and punishments promised Israel for disobedience toward God's laws. The Holocaust of the second world war is a prime example.
 - * It includes the remnant God promised to keep of the Children of Israel.
 - * It includes the Messiah Who would be the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham, that "In your seed, all the nations of the earth will be blessed."
 - ♦ God has never failed to keep His covenant with Israel, both the blessings, and the curses are equal parts of the Covenant.
- ♦ Now the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven is given first to the Children of Israel. Message of the Kingdom confirmed by miraculous signs
 - The message they preach is, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." [Matthew 10:7, Luke 9:2]
 - The message of the Kingdom is confirmed by the powers Jesus gave the Disciples to perform.
 - ♦ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. [Matthew 10:8, Mark 6:7, Luke 9:1-2]
 - ♦ The **miracles are evidence** that God has approved the message of the Kingdom.

Take no supplies with you [Matthew 10:9-10, Mark 6:8-9, Luke 9:3]

- The worker is worthy to receive support from the recipients. [Matthew 10:9-10]
 - ❖ Freely you have received, freely give. [Matthew 10:8]
 - ♦ Take no supplies for your journey, gold, silver, copper coins, in your money belts.
 - → Take no bag, extra tunics, sandals or Staffs.
 - ♦ Because the worker is worthy of his food.

Reception and Response

- When you enter a city or town, find a worthy household, and stay there while you are in the city or town. [Matthew 10:11, Mark 6:10] Don't move from house to house. [Luke 10:7]
 - ♦ When you enter a household, greet it. [Matthew 10:12-13]
 - * If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. The peace is the peace of the Holy Spirit in you, that gives an atmosphere of peacefulness and calm around you which others can sense in your presence.
 - * If it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

Accountability on the day of Judgment

- ♥ Whoever will not receive you or listen to the message of the Kingdom.
 - ♦ When you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet as a witness against that house or city. [Matthew 10:14, Mark 6:11, Luke 9:5, 10:10]
 - ♦ It will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah, in the day of Judgment, than for that city. [Matthew 10:15, Mark 6:11, Luke 9:5, 10:12]
 - ♦ One of the factors considered at the Judgment Seat of Christ, and at the Great White Throne, is how receptive were you to the message of the Kingdom of Heaven?
- So they went out and preached that people should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them. [Mark 6:12-13, Luke 9:6]
- And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. [Mark 6:30-32, Luke 9:10]