

HONEST PRAYERS

Send Me! Isaiah 6:1-8

What Isaiah Saw

Isaiah 6:1-2 *In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. [2] Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.*

- To give you a bit a background, King Uzziah reigned during Isaiah time
- When King Uzziah began his reign, he was humbly seeking God, he became a strong leader and brought prosperity and peace to Israel
- But as time went on, he became prideful, over-confident and arrogant
- God struck him with leprosy, and he died, ending his reign
- It was a time of confusion, chaos, and things were just out of control
- In this difficult time, Isaiah was seeking the Lord
- And in a vision, Isaiah was taken into the presence of the Lord
- In the year the king Uzziah died, Isaiah saw also the Lord
- In the midst of great calamity, Isaiah saw also the Lord
- Isaiah saw the Lord:
 1. Sitting on a throne
 - a. Isiah saw God as a ruler
 - b. As bad as the times were God is still in charge,
 - c. Even though king Uzziah died, God was still on the throne
 2. High and lifted up
 - a. He is the king above and over everyone and everything else
 3. His train filled the Temple
 - His presence filled the Temple or is everywhere
- Above the throne of God were the seraphims, the angels
- The seraphims had six wings
 - Two covered their faces, It was a sign of their reverence
 - The glory of God was so great they covered their faces
 - Two covered their feet –It was a sign of humility as they worshipped God
 - Two they used to fly – to do the errands of God swiftly

What Isaiah Heard

[3] *And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. [4] And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.*

- Isaiah sees and hears the angels sing Holy, Holy, Holy
- Why do they repeat “**holy**” three times? Wasn’t it enough to simply say that the LORD was “**holy**” once?
- It wasn’t enough. In the Hebrew language, *intensity* is communicated by repetition.
- Holy means to be *set apart*

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- When we say God is holy or set apart, we're saying God is *divine* and we're *human*
- The whole earth is full of His glory
- All the earth declares the glory of God
- The door posts shake at seraphim's voice and the house fills with smoke (God's presence)
- Any time you pursue God and don't quit, you are guaranteed to find yourself in His presence

What Isaiah Felt

[5] Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. [6] Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: [7] And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

- Isaiah saw and felt the seraphims sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy and then he saw the vision of God
- And immediately, the Isaiah cries out, "**Woe is me for I am undone!**"
- Isaiah is saying, I am ruined, I destroyed, I doomed to die
- Isaiah saw the angels and the holiness of God and was immediately *convicted and confronted* with his own sinfulness
- In the presence of God, Isaiah saw his own sinfulness
- We cannot come into the presence of God without becoming aware of God's holiness, and without becoming aware of our own unholiness.
- Paul, said (Rom 3:23), "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
- When Isaiah saw the awesomeness of God, he also saw how ungodly he was
- Isaiah says ***woe is me***
- Isaiah loved God and would be considered a godly man, but in the presence of a holy God, he could see his unworthiness

Worship produces Confession

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- In God's presence, Isaiah is not only *confronted and convicted* of sin, but he also *confesses* his sin

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- Isaiah says without hesitation “*I am a man of unclean lips and I live among people unclean with unclean lips*”
- What we say often reveals the true condition of our hearts **Matthew 12:35 (KJV) 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.**
- The presence of a holy God caused Isaiah to examine himself and confess his sins
- The presence of God reveals sin
- But it takes person with a desire to be right with God to confess them
- The confession of our sins before a holy and righteous God does not occur so that we will feel **condemned**, but that we might be **restored**
- God seeing the sincerity and genuineness of Isaiah’s *confession*, it leads to his *cleansing* **1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- One of the seraphim picked up a live or hot coal with a pair of tongs and touched Isaiah’s lips
- The seraphim pronounced he was cleansed from sin
- The angel touched Isaiah lips not to burn him, but to purge him of his sin and restore him
- When God cleanses us, He will touch, purify, and restore us in that area of sin
- We want God to say to us what the angel said to Isaiah, “**and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.**”

Send Me!

[8] Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

- Once Isaiah had *met* with the LORD, been *convicted* of his sin, and *cleansed* from its guilt, then he was *ready* to serve God.
- Isaiah hears the voice of the Lord, “**Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?**”
- Whom shall I send? Who is that wants to respond to this divine call and divine commission?
- God asks this question not because He doesn’t know the answer, but He’s waiting for the person to *reveal* themselves
- Isaiah’s answers with a prayer, “Send me”
- No one is allowed to go *for* God except those sent *by* God
- Isaiah’s sins have been pardoned; he is fit for service
- Isaiah volunteers for the assignment although he does not know what it entails

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- He is saying God send me, I know you will stand by me
- I'm ready to speak in your name and function under your authority
- Isaiah said, Here am I, send me
- Isaiah said *send me* and I'll leave the success, the results to God
- By saying, here am I send me, Isaiah was saying he was *ready* for service
- Isaiah was a *scribe* when he went into the presence of God; he came out a *prophet*
- Isaiah became one the Bible's greatest prophets all because he prayed, *here am I, send me*
- *Send me* is a prayer God loves to answer
- The problem however is there is a shortage of people who will volunteer to be *sent* to work for God
- We don't pray this prayer mainly because we think we're "qualified" to be used by God
- God can use you because He *created* you to *serve* to serve Him
- God has people prepared for you to minister to in some way
- What are you waiting for?
- Just pray, "***Here am I, send me***"