

High and Lifted Up

Isaiah 6:1-6

Three views of God's throne:

Isaiah 6, Daniel 7:9-10 (judgment), Ezekiel 1, Rev. 4

I. What Isaiah Saw, v. 1-4

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. **2** Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. **3** And one cried to 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 were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

A. King Uzziah has died

Righteous king 52 years (2 Kg 15:3) but sinned (2 Chron. 26)

Isaiah related to him: what now? Would he die, would Israel?

B. God's position

I saw Lord: but no one can, 1 Tm 6:16 unapproachable light

God revealed self (this is Jesus Jn 12:41)

Yahweh: I AM God is always there (for you Isaiah)

Adonai: Master who expects obedience

His is high, lifted up, train fills the temple (light, Ps 104:2)

C. God's personality

Seraphim: burning represent fire, purity, power

six wings: two cover feet (modest), two eyes (holy), two fly

Holy, holy, holy (Rev. 4:8) superlative

means set apart: man has no business here! (Uzziah)

Lord of hosts: innumerable army, power

Earth full of his glory: overwhelming majesty

D. God's presence

Earth is shaken, filled with smoke (Shekeneth)

II. What Isaiah Sensed, v. 5-7

5 So I said: "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 my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts." **6** Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar. **7** And he touched my mouth *with it*, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged."

A. His sinful condition, v. 5. "Woe is me"

6 woes on Israel in Isaiah 5, now its on him:

without Christ's blood its all on us.

I am undone: ruined, unclean, among unclean people

We fail to see sin's effect on us (Rom. 6:23, Isaiah 59:1-2)

Contrast of God and man

Luke 5:8 Peter said away from me, I am a sinful man

The nearer you are to God the more you recognize your own sinfulness. **(Example of me on a bicycle)**

Defiled lips and heart: Jn 15:5 apart from me you are nothing

B. His own cleansing, v. 6-7

Seraphim brings burning coal from altar: fire bringing fire

Altar is the location of sacrifice: OT lambs and goats, NT

Christ, Lev. 17:11 atonement is through blood

Touched lips: cleaned

Applied to him: his sin in lips

Sins are covered, forgiven

III. What Isaiah Said, v. 8

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here *am* !! Send me."

A. Available: Here Am I

With cleansing there is responsibility:

B. Agreeable: Lord, send me

Isaiah commits to doing God's work

What right to say chapter 1-5 two condemning prophecies?

He saw the Lord