

“I Saw The Lord”
— Isaiah 6:1-13

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1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for 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 burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

7 And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

9 And he said, “Go, and say to this people: ‘“Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’

10 Make the heart of this people dull and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.”

11 Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste,

12 and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

13 And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

A High View of God

- Sovereign;
- Exalted in position and location;
- Lord of all Creation;
- Glorified throughout Creation;
- Holy; and
- Self-Revealing

- Omnipresence/Intimate Presence;
- Triune;
- A God of Grace;

The Prophet: The Fall of Man

- Imago Dei but Fallen;
- Tainted nobility;
- Talented and Capable;
- Yet unclean and ultimately helpless; and
- In need of forgiveness and the Atonement

The Prophet

- The Prophet's Predicament:
 - Personal Sin — Heritage;
 - Personal Sin — Sins of Conduct, the Tongue;
 - Corporate Sin;
 - He had seen the Lord (Ex. 33:20)

The Prophet

- God's Gracious Solution:
 - The Prophet's Cleansing — The Atonement
 - The burning lips
 - The verbal communication

The Prophet

- His Surprising Commission:
 - Voluntary
 - A Message of Anticipated “Failure”
 - A Message of Judgment

The Divine Paradox

- Divine Sovereignty
 - Extends to Salvation — (John 6:44)
- Human Responsibility
 - Unabated Responsibility — (John 6:64-65)

The Commission's Duration — The Call to Faithfulness

- The Immediate Fulfillment
- The Extended Fulfillment

The Promised Remnant

- The “Stump”
- The “Holy Seed”
- A Surprising Part of the Remnant

Conclusion

- As with Isaiah, we are called to have a strong knowledge of the attributes and character of God
- As with Isaiah, we are called to have lives marked by the Holiness of God
- As with Isaiah, we are called to be Faithful
- As with Isaiah, we are called to be Confident