

Special Message

A Vision of His Holiness

Isaiah 6:1-13

Main Idea: When believers catch a vision for the holiness of God they become personally transformed and inspired to serve God.

1. *HOLINESS* – God often reveals his glory in times of great pain or sorrow. *Isaiah 6:1-4*

- A. *The context for the vision* – Isaiah sees the vision in the year that King Uzziah died. 6:1a
 - 1. Uzziah was one of the good kings of Judah who made a bad decision.
 - 2. Isaiah is immensely concerned for the welfare of his nation.
- B. *The content of the vision* – Isaiah sees God in all his awesome glory on his throne. 6:1b
 - 1. He has ultimate authority.
 - 2. He is magnificently high.
- C. *The activity during the vision* – Isaiah sees angels at worship and the temple is unstable. 6:2-4
 - 1. Seraphim surround the throne. 6:2
 - 2. Seraphim worship God. 6:3
 - 3. The temple shakes and fills with smoke. 6:4
- D. *Application* – When we experiences seasons of personal pain God can reveal himself in his glory.

2. *HUMILITY* – When God reveals his glory we see our sinfulness in bold relief. *Isaiah 6:5-7*

- A. *First step* – Isaiah deals with his personal sin. 6:5a
 - 1. It is easy to be blind to our own sins. Isaiah has pronounced, “woe” to others, not himself.
 - 2. Now, Isaiah catches a glimpse of himself in relation to God; he is devastated, “ruined.”
 - 3. The only way to deal with *personal* sin is *personal* worship, in which you “see God.”
- B. *Second step* – Isaiah addresses the sins of his people. 6:5b
 - 1. It is easy to gloss over the sins of our culture; we become so used to them.
 - 2. Isaiah sees the sins of his culture in bold relief.
- C. *Third step* – Isaiah experiences God’s forgiveness and grace. 6:6-7
 - 1. Seraphs fly to Isaiah with a burning coal. God deals with us on the basis of grace. 6:6
 - 2. The Seraph applies the burning coal to Isaiah’s lips, providing forgiveness. 6:7
- D. *Application* – God sends revival when believers are humble and prayerful.

3. *MINISTRY* – When God deals with our sin, we become motivated to share his message. *Isaiah 6:8-13*

- A. God’s call goes out to his people to share his good news. 6:8a
 - 1. The triune God calls out, “Who will go for us?”
 - 2. God is always looking for people who will share the good news. Mt. 28:18-20; Ac. 1:8
- B. A chastened, humbled Isaiah enthusiastically says, “Here I am! Send me.” 6:8b
 - 1. When we are prideful and prosperous, we don’t respond to God’s call.
 - 2. But when humility courses through our being, we long to make an eternal impact.
- C. God tells Isaiah the message will be very difficult. But there’s hope! 6:9-13
 - 1. Isaiah’s message of truth was going to be extremely difficult. *Truth offends!* 6:9-13a
 - 2. Expressing the truth of the gospel in our culture is also extremely difficult.
 - 3. But there’s hope. A stump remains, and a shoot rises. His name is Jesus! 6:13b

