

Here I am

Introduction

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. [2] Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. [3] And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy , holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” [4] At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. [5] “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.” [6] Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. [7] With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for. ” [8] Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? ” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” **Isaiah 6:1-8**

1. Look to the Lord - Seeing Him changes us

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. **Isaiah 6:1**

- A season of loss and grieving
- I saw the Lord
- Question: Where do you turn in the midst of pain, loss, challenge

2. See yourself - In the light of his glory and Holiness

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- When you see God, your vision is restored]He is light, he is luminous
- In his light we see light
- Isaiah suddenly woke up form his stupor and apathy - he could see

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **Hebrews 12:1**

3. Embrace Holiness - A Happy Holiness/Consecration

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- Touched by the very fire of God’s presence

- This is not a legalism or human effort
- Guilt taken away
- Sin taken away
- Made righteous by Jesus sacrifice
- Now our Happy Holiness is powered by the very fire of God's Spirit within us

4. **GO** - Shifting from gatherings to Going

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- God is sending God
- He sent his Son to save us
- He now looks for willing people he can send to others
- *'One of the greatest shifts taking place is moving from the gathered to the go'*

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." **Matthew 28:18-20**

Conclusion

- Look to the Lord - This is a choice, to turn eyes upward
- See yourself - An Honest reflection in light of His Word and Spirit
- Embrace Holiness - A Happy Holiness, Separate in values, vision and motivation from the world
- GO - Embracing the mission of God, from neighbourhoods to the nations

Urgency

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. [12] The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. [13] Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. [14] Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh. **Romans 13:11-14**