

"An Unshaken King in a Shaking World"

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I. Behold the King Upon the _____

Isaiah 6:1 "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 Chronicles 26:3 "Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem."

A. His Throne Stands When Our World _____

Psalm 103:19 "The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all."

B. His Holiness Calls Us to _____
(Ezekiel 1:13; Daniel 7:9b-10)

Isaiah 6:2 "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."

Isaiah 6:3-4 "And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!' And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke."

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Revelation 4:8 "And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, 'Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!'"

Hebrews 12:28–29 "Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."

II. Face the _____ His Holiness Exposes

Isaiah 6:5 "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!'"

A. From "Woe to Them" to "Woe Is _____ "

1. **Woe Against Greed and Exploitation**
   (Isaiah 5:8)
2. **Woe Against Drunkenness and Pleasure Without God**
   (Isaiah 5:11)
3. **Woe Against Being Attached to Sin**
   (Isaiah 5:18-19)
4. **Woe Against Reversing Right and Wrong**
   (Isaiah 5:20)
5. **Woe Against Pride in Their Own Knowledge**
   (Isaiah 5:21)
6. **Woe Against Celebrating Drunkenness and Corrupting Justice**
   (Isaiah 5:22-23)
7. **Woe Against Me**
   (Isaiah 6:5a; Luke 5:8; Job 42:6)

B. The Light that Exposes What We _____
(Matthew 12:34-37)

III. Receive the _____ Only God Can Give
(2 Chronicles 26:16, 18, 19; 1 Peter 2:24)

Isaiah 6:6 "Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar."

Isaiah 6:7 "And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.'"

IV. Offer Your _____ to the King Who Calls

Isaiah 6:8 "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.'"

Romans 12:1 "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

V. Behold the King Who Became Our _____

John 12:41 "Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him."

John 12:32-33 "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die."

Hebrews 1:3 "He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high"

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BACKGROUND:

Isaiah 6:1-8 teaches that a purposeful relationship with God begins with recognizing His holiness. When we encounter His holiness, our sin becomes apparent as does our need for forgiveness. A repentant heart will lead to forgiveness which then positions us to be used for His purposes. Isaiah's claim "Here am I! Send me" (verse 8) is a beautiful example of someone responding to the call of God. Isaiah's encounter with God resulted in awareness, conviction, confession, cleansing, and response to a call.

DIGGING DEEPER:

Isaiah comes face to face with God's holiness (verses 1-4). He sees the Lord on a throne high and lifted emphasizing God's exaltation and transcendent nature. The train of God's robe fills the temple, symbolizing His majesty and glory. The seraphim worship Him and proclaim his holiness. Announcing that God is holy three times is the strongest form of emphasis in the Hebrew language, reminding us that God's holiness is His defining attribute. He is without sin and separate from all His creation. Even sinless heavenly angels cover themselves before God's holiness.

1. Why do you think Isaiah responded with fear when he encountered God's holiness? By contrast, how are Christians invited to approach God's throne today (*Hebrews 4:16*)?

2. What do the seraphim's actions and proclamation of God's holiness teach us about God's character? In turn, how are believers supposed to "be holy as I am holy"?

3. How does our culture's view of God sometimes differ from Isaiah's vision of God's holiness and majesty? How can you keep your perspective on God's holiness more in line with Isaiah's and less like the culture's?

When Isaiah encounters God's holiness, his own sin becomes apparent. He responds immediately by confessing he is a man of unclean lips (verse 5). When we confess our sins we admit that something we think, do, don't do, or say opposes God's will. The Bible instructs us to confess to God and to others (1 John 1:9; James 5:16), but that confession needs to come from a repentant and contrite heart.

4. Isaiah describes himself as a man of "unclean lips". What do you think he meant by that? What sin might that refer to? What did Jesus teach about the connection between a person's words and their heart? Read *James 3:1-6* and discuss.

5. What is the Holy Spirit's role in revealing sin in a believer's life? How can godly sorrow lead to genuine repentance (*2 Corinthians 7:10*)?

6. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (*1 John 1:9*). What can make confession to God and to others a difficult thing to do? What helps us overcome those obstacles?

Isaiah was unable to atone for his own sin, so God graciously cleansed him (verses 6-7). The coal that the seraphim used came from the altar, a holy place associated with sacrifice and atonement. The live coal shows that God has provided a sacrifice whereby the guilt and sin was removed and His atonement is still active in lives today.

7. Isaiah could not remove his own guilt or atone for his own sin. Why is it important to recognize that forgiveness is something God provides rather than something we earn?

8. How does the sacrifice associated with the altar point forward to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (*John 1:29*)?

9. What are some practical ways you can help others become aware of their need for atonement?

TAKING IT HOME:

God's purification was applied specifically to the area of Isaiah's confessed sin, his unclean lips. Once cleansed, Isaiah was prepared to be God's messenger and proclaim His Word. Only after receiving God's grace and forgiveness does Isaiah respond, "Here am I! Send me" (verse 8). Notice that God's grace preceded His call.

10. Can you think of a time when God called you to step out in faith or serve in a particular way? What might He be calling you to today? How will you respond?

11. In verse 8, God seeks a willing volunteer. Why do you think God desires willing and surrendered servants rather than forcing obedience? (*1 Samuel 15:22*) What does this reveal about His relationship with you?

12. Is there an area of your life where God may be calling you to experience repentance, receive His grace, or step into obedience more fully?

13. Spend time in prayer and ask God to give you lips that are clean, and words that continually point others to Him.