

**THREE VISIONS and A CALLING**

**ISAIAH 6:1-9**

**Isaiah is in the Temple mourning ...**

**King Uzziah (uh ZIGH uh) has died  
and the throne is empty !**

**Like all men of faith ...**

**Isaiah turned to God for his help and comfort;  
and in that hour of seeming defeat,  
he experienced a great spiritual blessing.**

**King Uzziah (uh ZIGH uh) had, for 52 years  
led Judah (JOO duh) in a program  
of peace and prosperity.**

**It was an era**

**of great building and material achievement.**

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**It was unfortunate that the King had rebelled  
against the Word of God and died a leper.  
(II Kings 15:1-7 & II Chron. 26)**

**Isaiah realized that,  
though the nation had prospered materially,  
it was in terrible condition spiritually.**

**The outward growth and peace  
only covered a rotten heart !**

**Now, notice in the scripture,  
the THREE-FOLD VISION that Isaiah has:**

**FIRST VISION: 1-4  
I. The UPWARD LOOK ...  
HE SAW THE LORD 1-4**

**Isaiah 6  
{1} In the year that king Uzziah (uh ZIGH uh) died  
I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne,  
high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.**

**God lifted Isaiah's eyes  
from himself and his people  
to the throne of heaven.**

**The throne of Judah (JOO duh)  
might have been empty,  
but, the throne of heaven was still occupied.**

**There might be confusion and unrest on earth,**

but there was perfect peace in heaven:

God is on the throne of heaven  
being praised by the Seraphim.

His royal robe filled the heavenly temple,  
and the house was filled  
with the smoke of His anger against sin

{2} Above it stood the seraphims (SER uh fims):  
each one had six wings;  
with twain he covered his face,  
and with twain he covered his feet,  
and with twain he did fly.

{3} And one cried unto another,  
and said, Holy, holy, holy, <is> the LORD of hosts:  
the whole earth <is> full of his glory.

**(B). His angelic creatures, the Seraphm (fiery ones) praised HIM for HIS holiness and HIS glory.**

God was seated in majestic power and glory.

Men on earth might be recalling  
the shame of Uzziah's death as a leper,

but, there was no shame or shadow of failure in heaven.

"The whole earth <is> full of his glory."

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**Isaiah did not see much glory that day,  
nor do we see it today.**

**Rather, it seems that the whole earth  
is filled with violence.**

**We see events from a human perspective;  
the angels see them from God's viewpoint.**

**One day, when Jesus reigns,  
the whole earth shall be full of HIS glory.**

**(C). Now notice that Isaiah calls God  
the "Lord of Hosts" ...  
  
he does this at least 65 times.**

**Translated literally; it means  
the "Lord of Armies".**

**Jehovah is the God of holy warfare:  
  
the God who opposes sin and defeats the enemy.**

**Isaiah needed to realize this fact  
in a day when Judah appeared to be defeated.**

**This is a good lesson for Christians today:**

**When the day is dark,**

**LIFT UP YOUR EYES TO HEAVEN  
and SEE CHRIST on the THRONE !**

**The Lord is in HIS holy temple !**

**{4} And the posts of the door moved  
at the voice of him that cried,  
and the house was filled with smoke.**

**Awesome to say the least !!!!**

**The posts of the door shook  
and smoke begin to fill the house ....**

**Seeing into the presence of "I AM" !**

**A true vision of God and HIS holiness  
always makes us realize our own sinfulness and failure.**

**When a believer has a true experience with the Lord,  
it does not make him proud;  
it HUMBLES and BREAKS him !!!!!**

**SECOND VISION: 5-7**

**II. THE INWARD LOOK: HE SAW HIMSELF**

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{5} Then said I, 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 mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

When Isaiah confessed his sins,  
he mentioned especially his unclean lips.

Of course, unclean lips  
are the product of an unclean heart.

The prophet knew  
that he could not faithfully preach for the Lord  
unless he was prepared and cleansed.

How different from some Christians  
who rush out to win souls to Christ  
before taking time  
to meet the Lord and be cleansed.

{6} Then flew one of the seraphims unto me,  
having a live coal in his hand,  
<which> he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:  
{7} And he laid <it> upon my mouth, and said,  
Lo, this hath touched thy lips;  
and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

God met the prophet's need:

HE sent a seraphim to cleanse him  
with a coal off the altar.

**How terrible it would be  
to have the throne  
without the altar !**

**There would be conviction of sin,  
but, no cleansing.**

**Note that it was more important  
for the seraphim to equip Isaiah  
to be a soul-winner,  
than to praise God !**

**True worship ought to lead to  
witness and soul-winning.**

**Too many Christians want to:**

**hold on to a "Aspiritual experience" with the Lord,  
to go share the Lord with others. rather than be prepared**

**There is a wonderful word of encouragement here:  
God quickly answers prayer and cleanses us:**

**1 John 1:9**

**If we confess our sins,  
he is faithful and just to forgive us <our> sins,  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**HE LONGS TO EQUIP US TO SERVE HIM !!!!!**

**THIRD VISION: 8-13**

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### **III. THE OUTWARD LOOK: HE SAW THE NEED**

Everything to this point was preparation.

Now God can call Isaiah

and use him to preach HIS Word.

The prophet is no longer  
wrapped up in his own needs;  
he wants to do the will of God.

He is no longer burdened by sin;  
he has been cleansed.

He is no longer discouraged;  
he knows that God is on the throne !

Now he is ready to go to work !

{8} Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,  
Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?  
Then said I, Here <am> I; send me.

{9} And he said, Go, and tell this people,  
Hear ye indeed, but understand not;  
and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

The call is an evidence of God's grace.

He is willing to use men to accomplish His will on earth.

God certainly could have sent one of the seraphim  
and it would have obeyed instantly and perfectly;  
but, when it comes to proclaiming His Word,

God used human lips.

**God is still calling believers today,  
and few are responding.**

**We are to be fishers of men.**

**Go out into the world that does not understand,  
even though they hear; and see,  
but, don't perceive.**

**Do you see what Isaiah saw ....**

**We don't even go to church like we should,  
let alone go proclaiming His Word.**

**Should we do away with  
Sunday evening and Wednesday services ?**

**Some of you have already cast your vote  
by not supporting these services.**

**The world is compromising more everyday ...  
don't be part of that compromising crowd !**

**You say: "Well I was very close to the Lord  
and it just seems that the closer I got,  
the more trouble I had".**

**1 Peter 4:12-13**

**{12} Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some  
strange thing happened unto you:**

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**{13} But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.**

**Romans 5:3**

**{3} And not only <so>, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;**

**God knows that we are closest to HIM  
when we have no other choice ....**

**God's prophet's many times  
paralleled HIS people with a vineyard and it's grapes:**

**Isaiah 5:1-2, 4**

**{1} Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:**

**{2} And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.**

**HE went a step farther in this scripture:  
He says that HE made a winepress ....  
(describe one)**

**To get the good juice from those grapes,  
they have to be stomped on  
... squeezed ... and pressed  
till the juice comes out !!!**

**The outer skin is of little good;  
but, what's inside is what counts.**

**Has God been squeezing you  
and have you been complaining ....  
Stop crying !**

**When the day is dark,  
LIFT UP YOUR EYES TO HEAVEN  
and SEE CHRIST on the THRONE !**

**ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN that is here today  
and not feeling the "JOY of your SALVATION"?**

**DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE IN MOURNING ?**

**Has God planted salvation in you,  
expecting that you should bring forth grapes  
and instead,  
you have brought forth wild grapes.**

**WE, like Isaiah,  
need a three-fold vision:**

- I. THE UPWARD LOOK: TO SEE THE LORD !**
- II. THE INWARD LOOK: TO SEE OURSELVES !**
- III. THE OUTWARD LOOK: TO SEE THE NEED !**

**When Isaiah walked out of the temple that day:**

**1. He was no longer a mourner:**

**He was a missionary !**

**2. He was no longer a spectator;**

**He was a participant !**

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**3. But, God had equipped him to do the job.**

**He had seen THE LORD !**

**He had seen HIMSELF !**

**He had seen THE NEED !**

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