

Isaiah 6:1-13

Background King Uzziah 739BC was Judah's King from age 16 & reigned for 52 years 2 Kings 15:1-3 It was in a period of unparalleled prosperity & peace But He grew proud, arrogant & presumptuous 2 Chronicles 26:16-21 He usurped the priest's role by lighting incense God struck him down with leprosy (15 years) till his death He characterized the nation which was materialistic, greed, loved pleasure, immorality, pride, conceit & corruption (read chapter 5) Leper becomes numb, insensitive, affects their walk, weakness in limbs, they are cut off from others (God) Take a look at verses 9,10 a picture of what the King was experiencing ears dull, eyes dim & where does this condition come from the HEART v10 twice

The other thing I note Assyria had become a threat to Judah, when the focus of God is diminished, the enemy arises We open the door when we allow sin in our life & that of our nation The Assyrians became a super power – evil triumphed Destruction of Israel by Assyria Isaiah 7:1-10:4 Destruction of Assyria by God 10:5-12:6

This is where we pick up Isaiah is outside the front of the temple near the altar & veil which hides the Holy of Holies But the veil is drawn, he sees a clear view of the scared closet When faced with the presence of God His glory Moses experience Exodus 33:20-23 He could not see God & live If there's a day when we the Church needs to see the glory (presence) of God, it's today NO PURITY NO PRESENCE

AW Tozer sums up Isaiahs encounter 'Isaiah was struck with awe & terror when he saw a vision of God on his throne It was indescribable majesty Gods perfect holiness His complete purity & separation from anything evil Isaiah did the same as we would have done, He cried out in distress suddenly very aware of his sinfulness But it was at that point the character of God shone through instead of chastising Isaiah God sent an angel to cleanse & forgive him

COUNTENANCE 1,3,7

When we see God in His glory, we see how lowly (not negative sense) we are but rather His splendor, His might, His significance, His greatness, His power, His awesomeness, His majesty, His authority, His supremacy, His exaltedness, His dominion, His Kingship, His omniscience, His holiness Who can behold such a person NONE we would be in awe, speechless, in adoration, reverence (words cannot describe what we'd feel) & on our knees prostrate before Him Such was Isaiahs Holy encounter

The first thing note is death of King Uzziah's is replaced by the King of Kings who now sitting on the throne in all His glory No earthly King could get them out of the situation they were in Isaiah 'mine eyes have seen the King' lifted up & exalted in a vision He saw the Lord No man can see me & live Ex 33:20 No man has seen God at any time Jn 1:18 Yet Jacob said I have seen God face to face Genesis 32:30 Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God Matthew 5:8 Man can only see God as He has revealed Himself John 12:41 'Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus glory & spoke about Him' Thus implying this was Jesus on the Throne, therefore declaring His deity, Jesus is Jehovah God the Almighty He saw the glory of Christ Isaiah 45:23 Throne above all thrones, kingdoms, dominions

Throne Job 26:9 1 Kings 22:19 Psalm 9:4,7 ,89:14 Lam 5:19 Ezekiel 1:26,10:1 Dan 7:9  
Rev 4:1-11 35 times in Revelation alone

lofty = high place exalted = lifted up (put together)

Saw Ex 24:10,11 Nu 12:8 Ezekiel 1:1,25-28 Jn 1:18,12:41 1 Tim 6:16

Sitting Isa 66:1 1 Kings 22:19 Ezekiel 10:1 Dan 7:9 Matt 25:31 Rev 3:21, 4:2,10, 5 :1,7, 6:16,7:15-17  
Exalted Isa 12:4, 57:15, Ps 46:10,108:5, 113:5 Eoh 1:20,21 Train Ex 40:35, 1 Kings 8:10,11 Ps 104:2 Rev  
15:8

Fills temple Ex 28:33,34, 40:31

train=Wedding

grown difficult maneuver in, it implies waited upon, served because they hold a place honor & dignity

White purity, holy consecrated set apart for a purpose

ROBE Ps 104:2 light of

His glory dazzling, blazing

King of Kings Lord of Lords Rev 19:16 JESUS

CONSECRATION (ANGELIC) 2,3,4,6

Seraphim only mention in WOG implies v3 there are more than one Have 6 wings 2 cover face (overwhelming glory they dare not gaze at the glory of Jehovah) 2 cover feet (speaks of humility, lowliness of service) 2 to fly or hover Seraphim means burners of the love of God & zeal for God Other references to living creatures throughout scripture & angels Seraphim Ps 104:4 Ezek 1:4 Heb 1:7 'fiery serpent' 'saraph' means to burn 'im' means burning one Lev 5:12 Josh 6:24 Jer 7:13 destructive, consuming These beings were brilliant as flaming fire, symbolic of the purity & power of the heavenly court References to 'seraph' Num 2:6,8 Duet 8:15, Isa 14:29,30, 30:6 (6:2,6) Acknowledged Jehovah by 1 actions 2 words v3

Their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches going back & forward among the living creatures Michael means noble Dan 10:13 prince of the burning ones Fiery ones Num 21:6, Isa 14:29 literally means to burn

(SEE THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS TEACHING)

Holiness is the center piece of Gods attitudes of all the things that God is at the center of His being He is Holy Gods holiness unlocks the door to understanding & making sense out of everything else about Him (Tony Evans)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY three denotes divine perfection - trinity - repetition, duplicate an emphasis on degree of holiness Ezek 21:7 Jer 22:29 Rev 8:13 See it repeated in Rev 4:8, 13:18 600 years between 4 living creatures they did cease to say Holy...is the Lord God almighty Holy (gadosh) means consecrated, set apart (as dedicated) to the Lord Describes what He is by His very nature He is set apart from things of creation & is holy His holiness derives from His royal position & Kingship He has set a standard which we

in ourselves will never attain to be But we come to the Father through Jesus Christ approaching Him with reference So we can enter into His presence through Christ within us

Jn 14:6 'No man comes to the Father but by me' HYMN HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

HOLY Ex 15:11, 20,21 Ezra 3:11, Ps 24:7-10, 19:1-3, 57:11, 72:19, Hab 2:14, Zec 14:9, Eph 1:18, Rev 4:8,9, 15:3,4 Isa 11:9,10, 24:16, 40:5, Num 14:21

'The fullness of all the earth is His glory 'is more correct Ps 72:19 Num 14:21 Isa 11:9, 40:5 Matt 24:30, Hab 2:14

GLORY means to be heavy or weighty in other words honorable, impressive, worthy of respect or manifest presence Ex 16:7,10, fire Ex 24:17 Glory implies honor, a position of power & divine dignity Glory was in Sinai Ex 24:16,17 Tabernacle Ex 40:34,35-38 Jerusalem temple 1 Kings 8:8-10 Glory encapsulates God expresses all that He is His being, His nature, His character, His power & His acts We glorify Him when we allow Him to be seen as such attribute's

Shechinah Glory is the visible presence of God It is the majestic presence or manifestation of God in which He descends to dwell among men Whenever the invisible God becomes visible, & whenever the omnipresence of God is localized, this is the Shechinah Glory

Rev 1:17 John when I saw Him I fell at his feet as dead

In Hebrew Kvod 'Adonai' meaning 'the glory of Jehovah' Greek Doxa Kurion translated as 'the glory of the Lord' Doxa means 'brightness, brilliance or splendor'describing how the Shechinah Glory appears Shachan means 'to dwell' in Hebrew Greek means 'to tabernacle '

Foundations v4 the gates of Heaven where shaken at the sound of the Seraphim Trembled means to move back & forward, to & fro Ex 20:18 1 Sam 1:13 The voice of Seraphim is powerful that the the sound waves caused the temple foundation to sway back & forth, even as the mountains tremble when Jehovah appears Ex 19:18, Jud 5:4 How awesome yet fearful this would have been!

Smoke pillar cloud fire by night Ex 24:17, 33:18 symbol of God's presence His Shekinah Glory Ex 13:21,22, 19:18 1 Kings 8:10-12 Glory means where God dwells in all His splendor, brilliance & brightness Ex 16:7,10 His glory is manifest of all His attributes, displaying it to the whole world to see His glory in all its fullness Ps 72:19,Num 14:21, Isa 11:9,40:5 Matt 24:30, Hab 1;3,2:14 1 Kings 8:10-12

Smoke Ex 4:5, 19:18, 40:38, Ps 104:32, Ps 144:5 1 Kings 8:10-12 Rev 15:8 here presence of God

FEAR TREMBLE Ezek 1:24, 10:5, Amos 9:1, Ex 19:18, Acts 4:31

Often Christians want their worship like they want their hamburgers drive up spent time in church & drive off Spending time in His presence is not allowed Oh that we allow a visitation of the presence of God, we'll miss our cuppa & what about lunch We come to Church for a good time not a GOD time

CLEANSING 5,7

Quote Bill Wiese 24 minutes in hell on Charisma Magazine how He saw Jesus & His reaction

What did Jesus look like? I can only describe Him as a light like have never seen before It was pure, most holy light His glory I just saw an outline of a man standing in the bright light I then immediately passed out After a time He touched me & I came to I was at His feet It hit me so strongly that if He had not gone to the Cross, I would be in trouble in that horrible place of torment forever Thank you Jesus Thank you Jesus I couldn't stop worshipping Him I just wanted to thank Him over & over again for saving me The King of Kings went to the Cross so I wouldn't have to go to hell His peace His love was overwhelming It was indescribable I remember feeling dirty because I was in His presence He is so perfect & we are not, but He removed that feeling from me He removed it because He already has with His blood He shed on the Cross

Before one can judge others, one must first confess their own failings & sin 'Woe is me' before 'Woe is you' 'Judgment begins in the house of the Lord, beginning with leaders' 6 woes Isa 5:8,11,18,20-22 Woe expresses an emotion, a passion resulting in sorrow, grief, pity, deep concern, revelation of Gods holiness Our state of ruin, come undone, exposed, can't speak or reply, like we are dead men about to perish because of the state & weight of our conscience

WOE Hebrew hoy = despair, alarm, sorrow, grief, pity, concern of evil IS ME not you attitude of humility & yielded-ness to our great & awesome God Duet 7:21 Neh 1:5, 4:14, Ps 99:3, Dan 9:4

Isaiah expresses himself as 1 Ruined 2 Unclean 3 Lives among Unclean people 4 Seen the King The revelation of Gods holiness, had a devastating impact on Isaiah He was overwhelmed by his sinfulness

I AM RUINED I am undone or I have been silenced, still, cannot reply, stunned, speechless RUINED damah means made to cease, come to one's end, cut off, undone, doomed to die Damah in Ps 49:12,20, Isa 6:5,15:1, Jer 6:2, 14:17, 47:5 Lam 3:49, Hos 4:5,6, 10:7,15 Obad 1:5, Zeph 1:11 word cease 1 completely cut off 1 cut off 2 destroy 1 destroyed 1 perish 2 ruined 5 silenced 1 unceasingly 1 NOTE King Uzziah was cut off after becoming leprous He was considered unclean

Utter helplessness your best prayer is to call out from your heart to the heart of God which will have great effect Because He hears it from the very moment that you are seized with helplessness, He becomes actively engaged hearing & answering the prayer of our helplessness Lev 13:45 broken spirit & contrite heart realize our own unworthiness I am nothing you are everything The effect of beholding God is to make one realize his own unworthiness & the corruption of his own heart

In God's presence sin is illuminated sin, flesh, dark flee in His presence Have conviction of sin without cleansing of sin Lev 16:12 unclean means defiled rendered filthy, spoiled, impure, polluted Job 42:5,6 Lk 6:45, Matt 12:34

Hab 1:13 Your eyes are too pure to look on evil, you cannot tolerate wrong Isaiahs vision was of Heaven, Heaven is pure, holy only holy ones can enter it

Unclean tame means defiled, rendered foul or dirty, soiled, impure, polluted it describes that which has become ceremonially impure because they hadn't followed the Levitical Law They had been contaminated & therefore unclean

Vine says every believer needs a vision of Gods glory The more we apprehend the facts & character of the atoning sacrifice of Christ & the glories of His person the more deeply we realize our own sinfulness The nearer we are to the Lord the greater the sense of our unworthiness Further in this our own rightful attitude before Him we learn to identify ourselves with the condition of those fellow members of the Body of Christ who have proved unfaithful & lapsed into evil ways and to confess their sins as ours Only so can we really be prepared to give an effectual testimony It is one thing to condemn the saints, it ia quite another to take upon ourselves the confession of their sins as ours It is that which causes the Holy Spirit to use us for real blessing amidst them ie Paul 1 Tim 1:15

BURNT LIPS hot coals on our lips is an external symbol of an inward cleansing (mouth) See sin for what it is brings division between man & God, iniquity means to bend, twist, distort, to miss the mark, to fall short of the divine standard We have been forgiven which means pardoned Jesus made atonement for us Lev17:11, 1 Jn 1:9 sacrifice life paid for by His blood that was shed so that we are not held captive but free from condemnation, & made pure in His sight

The words of one's lips reflect the state of one's heart, for as Jesus said 'The mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart' Matt 12:32 Isaiah realized that his lips which had been contaminated by sin where not worthy instruments of perfect praise to holy God Zeph 3:9 In order for Isaiah to preach it was a requirement to be cleansed (not like today)

Burning Coal it was a vehicle by which God used to purify Isaiahs unclean lips The priest would take live coals into the Holy of Holies on the day of Atonement Lev 16:12 The live coals were placed on the altar before the Gods throne The throne & the altar without later its only conviction of sin without cleansing of sin Or altar without throne built golden calf Forgiveness follows repentance

Iniquity means to bend, twist, distort, crooked behavior, perversion- a twisting of the standard of God

Forgiven KJV purged kapar to cover Gen 6:14, ransom Ex 21:30, Num 35:31, Ps 49:7 atonement by blood Lev 17:11 to atone by offering a substitute Kahar to forgive, be merciful, pardon, purge away, put off, cancelled, forgive, appease, reconcile or make reconciliation 102 times OT 1 Jn 1:9

CALLING 7,8

FIRST ISIAH SAW, HE WAS CLEANSED, THEN HE HEARD THE LORD If we have sin/unclean we are not able to hear the Lord Isaiah hadn't heard call of God on his life God doesn't use dirty vessels God doesn't bless those who play with sin Jn 15:5 'Therefore (based on the proceeding truth) if a man cleanses himself from these things (people) he will be a vessel for honor (precious, valuable) sanctified (set apart from the common & profane uses & readied for holy, consecrated use) useful to the Maste, prepared for every good work'

Adonai the exalted one, majestic, sovereign, the One who has the authority to call Isaiah into ministry Uzziah later years were in disobedience but lasiah it was obedience v8 the voice of the Lord Adonai Means=Master Isaiah=servant Been under Uzziah's rule prophets earthly King Now His allegiance was to Jesus His Master & King Lord of hosts =Jesus

The call of God is not for a select few but ALL of us Matt 22:14 'Many are called but few are chosen' in other words few prove themselves the chosen ones these are the ones who hear the still small voice 1 Kings 19:12 Note He wasn't told 'who will go for us?' I personally don't think if you have had a Glory Encounter that you wouldn't be prepared to say 'Here I Am Send Me?' God wants our choice to follow Him He doesn't command us or use tactics to get us on board WE CHOOSE

If we hear His voice we are required to obey it DELAYED OBEDIENCE IS DISOBEDIENCE The difference between Isaiahs call with Jeremiah & Moses they discussed it with God Jeremiah 1:1-10, Ex 3:11-4:15 Isaiah accepted the appointment & made himself available to His Master as dis Peter & Andrew Matt 4:17-19 When God calls that means He equips & gives us the power to see it through

Both humility & brokenness 2 things lacking in church today & not popular either

#### COMMISSIONING 9a

Go & Tell (command) Matt 28:7, Mk 5:19  
responsibility Gods sovereignty

Man's

Robert Mc Cheyne speaking group pastoral students 'Remember you are Gods sword His instrument I trust a chosen vessel unto Him to bear His Name in a great measure according to the purity & perfection of the instrument then you will be a success'

#### A HOLY MINISTER IS AN AWFUL WEAPON IN THE HAND OF GOD

#### CONDITION 9b,10

If Gods people knew our calling & commission was to warn of the complacency of Israel  
Jonah would we say 'Here I am send me'?

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Word no longer penetrated their life, the world's pull was greater thus they became & continued to be Hard-hearted people No one is going to get through to them but God via His Holy Spirit We can't do it, Isaiah couldn't Quit trying to do Gods work your way

As mentioned, the people lepers just like their leader Note it says 'this people' not 'my people'

There is no mention for this people to repent & not harden their hearts instead He is instructed to expose their sins (their unclean ness) The key is again obedience to what God is telling us but what we think When we are called it is for a specific task as instructed by the Lord A bit like job the Manager, Boss, Foreman instructs you to do the job at hand Your job is to carry it out not question why

Unpopular message true prophet rejected, misunderstood, ridiculed Hands up who wants to be a prophet?

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note a bit of sarcasm 'otherwise they might see & hear'  
has its consequences & we see it here 10

Sin

There is some hope RETURN 'epistrepho' means to revert, to turn about, to turn toward & BE HEALED  
'rapha' be restored to spiritual health again God knew they would remain disobedient & unrepentant  
(knows our heart) remaining hard But God gave them a chance BLIND & DEAF OR SEE & HEAR

In midst of this people turning away from God, their loss of prosperity, houses, desolation 11,12 there  
arises a REMNANT (survivor's) 13 (Isa 11:11,12) of 10% (Zech 13:8,9; Lev 27:32) although we get the  
impression all is lost there's a people who love & obey God in the midst of a doomed nation Gods people  
a holy seed remains Implies its small that it is rooted (regrowth) in God LET THE FAITHFUL REMNANT  
ARISE IN OUR NATION where all we see is destruction & desolation of the Godly principles, morals &  
laws of God

Rooting is downward but fruiting is upward Isa 37:31 it will sprout again in due season The Remnant will  
return In midst of destruction, desolation, burning, cutting down the Holy Seed will arise           Isaiah  
42:2,11:1