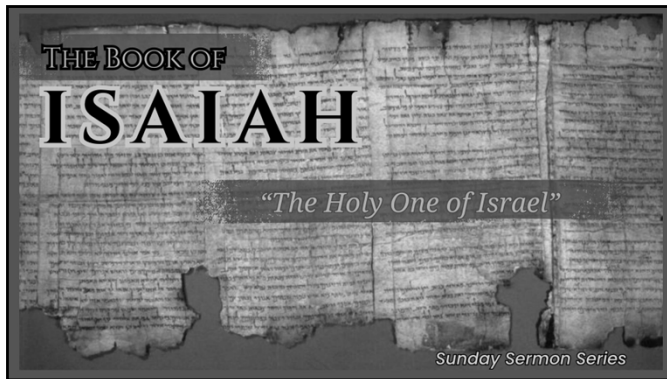




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Isaiah 6:1-13

¹ In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. ² Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory." ⁴ And the door sockets of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the house was filling with smoke.

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Isaiah 6:1-13

⁵ Then I said, "Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷ He touched my mouth *with it* and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is atoned for."

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Isaiah 6:1-13

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ⁹ He said, "Go, and tell this people: Keep on listening, but do not perceive; Keep on looking, but do not understand. ¹⁰ Render the hearts of this people insensitive, Their ears dull, And their eyes dim, Lest they see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, Understand with their hearts, And return and be healed."

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Isaiah 6:1-13

¹¹ Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He answered, "Until cities are devastated *and* without inhabitant, Houses are without people And the land is utterly desolate, ¹² "The LORD has removed men far away, And the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. ¹³ "Yet there will be a tenth portion in it, And it will again be *subject* to burning, Like a terebinth or an oak Whose stump remains when it is felled. The holy seed is its stump."

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Isaiah 6:1-13

➤ Context:

- chapters 1-5 raise a serious question – how can rebellious Israel become holy, glorious Zion?
- sinful Israel can become servant Israel when the experience of Isaiah becomes the experience of God's people
- chapters 7-12 are a fulfillment of the word given to Isaiah at his calling

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Isaiah 6:1-13

➤ Context:

- “In the year of King Uzziah’s death” (740 B.C.)
 - uncertainty after a long, stable, good reign (52 yrs.)
 - Uzziah lived in alienation and separation as unclean under God’s displeasure – symbolic of Israel

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An Overwhelming Vision

1. Isaiah’s Vision

- he saw the incomparable splendor and supremacy of the true and only Sovereign (King)
- he saw winged “burning ones” revering the Lord, declaring His utterly unique essence as God

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➤ “Holy, Holy, Holy”

- a super-superlative (3x) – indescribable holiness, not suited for normal forms of speech
- holiness is the very “god-ness” of God – His utterly unique divine essence and His moral perfection

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- he saw and felt his total exclusion from the divine presence – a very precarious position!

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2. Isaiah’s Response

- an agonizing cry of despair – he knows he is doomed to destruction/death
- an overwhelming sense and confession of his own sinfulness (“lips” – expression of the heart and will)

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3. The Lord’s Provision

- a complete work of cleansing and forgiving sin – a personal “day of atonement”
- the removal of sin and God’s just wrath is on the basis of substitutionary sacrifice

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An Overwhelming Vision

➤ Isaiah's Experience

1. A foretaste of the New Covenant – what Israel must (and will) experience to be restored
2. A paradigm for every believer who receives full atonement in Christ: *vision of God, confession of sin, cleansing in Christ (God's perfect provision)*