

Part 5: Send Me Pastor Brian MacSwan July 30 & 31, 2011

Isaiah 6:1-8

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. 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. And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

"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."

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

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!"

Sight: Look up

He sees God.

Insight: Look in

He sees himself.

Foresight: Look out

He sees the need.

Next Steps

In Isaiah 6:9-13, God chooses and commissions Isaiah to bring a specific message to his people. But before Isaiah receives those clear directions from God, several other things happen in the verses before the commission.

- Isaiah has a vision of God's holiness.
- He is struck with the contrast of God's holiness to his own sinfulness. He's just like everyone else around him, and he acknowledges his weakness.
- God graciously takes away Isaiah's guilt and makes up for his sins (atones).
- God asks for a messenger, and Isaiah volunteers.

If you're looking for some clear directions from God, take time to read Isaiah 6:1-8 every day for the next several weeks. As you read, try to put yourself in Isaiah's place.

- Ask God to help you get a clear picture of his holiness and what that even means.
- Acknowledge your shortcomings and ask God to bring to mind others who struggle in the same ways you do. Because of your struggles, you are uniquely equipped to understand and reach out to others like you.
- Accept the forgiveness that Jesus offers, because he paid the price for it on the cross.
- Be quiet and listen to see if God is calling you to something. If he does, accept his call!

Small Group Questions	 How is your eyesight? If you wear glasses or contacts (or should!), do you ever get frustrated with your vision?
	2) How do you think that you would respond if you actually saw a vision of the Lord like Isaiah did?
	 "It's easier for most Christians to work for Jesus rather than be with Jesus." Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
	4) What do you think God is calling us to as a group? What do you think that God is calling you to personally?
	5) How can we pray for you tonight?