

The Call of

HOLY ONE

Isaiah 6

“The Holy One Asks, Whom Shall I Send?”

Isaiah Memory Work

Isaiah 1:18,

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD:
though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow;
though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isaiah 2:5,

O house of Jacob, come ye,
and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Isaiah Memory Work

Isaiah 3:9,

The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

Isaiah 4:2,

In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

Isaiah Memory Work

Isaiah 5:20,

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil;
that put darkness for light, and light for darkness;
that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Isaiah 6:8,

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.

Isaiah 1-12 (UNIT 1 OF 7)

THE CALL OF THE HOLY ONE

A Introduction: Israel's Disobedience & Resultant Devastation (1:1-31)

B Visions of Future Restoration of Jerusalem (2:1-4:6)

C Coming Destruction of Judah (5:1-30)

X CALL TO ISAIAH (6:1-13)

C1 Coming Destruction of Judah (7:1-8:18)

B1 Visions of Future Restoration of Israel (8:19-11:9)

A1 Conclusion: Israel's Future Restoration & Obedience (11:10-12:6)

THE CHIASTIC STRUCTURE OF ISAIAH 6

A. Yahweh's heavenly splendor and glory (6:1-4)

* Begins: the image of Yahweh sits (ysb) enthroned in his heavenly abode

*Theme: fullness - Yahweh's heavenly abode filled with his majesty; the earth (eres) is full of his glory

B. Isaiah's Distressed Reaction (6:5a) * Begins: "and I said" (wa-omar)

C. Isaiah's lips are unclean; but they are purified (6:b-7)

* His sins are forgiven, His eyes have seen (rh), He lives among a sinful people (am)

X - CLIMAX: Isaiah's call and acceptance (6:8)

C1. The people's eyes, hearts, ears are sinful (6:9-10)

* They will not be forgiven, Their eyes will not see (rh)The people (am) are sinful

B1. Isaiah's Distressed Reaction (6:11a) * Begins: "and I said" (wa-omar)

A1. Judah's future devastation and humiliation (6:11b-13)

* Begins: The image of no one sitting/dwelling (ysb) in the land

* Theme: emptiness - the land/earth (eres) will be empty and desolate

I. THE CHRIST - THE HEAVENLY VISION (6:1-4)

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

(6:2) Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

(6:3) And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

(6:4) And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

A. THE VISION OF CHRIST ON HIS THRONE

1. THE DATE OF THE VISION
2. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE VICTOR

Isaiah 6:1,

In the year that king Uzziah died

I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne,

high and lifted up,

and his train filled the temple.

HIGH AND LIFTED UP

Isaiah 6:1,
High and lifted up

Isaiah 52:13,
Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

Isaiah 57:15,
For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

B. THE VISION OF THE SERAPHIM ABOVE THE THRONE

1. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE SERAPHIM
2. THE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN THE SERAPHIM AND THE CHERUBIM

Isaiah 6:2,
Above it stood the seraphims:
each one had six wings;
with twain he covered his face,
and with twain he covered his feet,
and with twain he did fly.

REVELATION 4:6-9

(4:6) And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

(4:7) And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

(4:8) And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

(4:9) And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks **to him that sat on the throne**, who liveth for ever and ever,

THE VISION OF THE SERAPHIM

3. THE DECLARATION OF THE SERAPHIM

Isaiah 6:3,

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

C. THE VISION OF THE TEMPLE

1. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE THRONE - “high and lifted up”
2. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE TRAIN - “filled the temple”
3. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE DOOR POSTS - “moved”
4. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE SMOKE - “filled with smoke”

Isaiah 6:4,

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

II. THE CONVERSION - THE RESPONSE TO THE HEAVENLY VISION (6:5-7)

(6:5) 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.

(6:6) 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:

(6:7) 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.

A. ISAIAH'S CONFESSION

1. ISAIAH CONFESSES HE IS UNDONE
2. ISAIAH CONFESSES HE IS UNCLEAN
3. ISAIAH CORPORATELY IDENTIFIES WITH THE UNCLEAN
4. ISAIAH CONCLUDES HE HAS SEEN THE KING

Isaiah 6:5,
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.

B. THE SERAPH'S SYMBOLIC CLEANSING/PURGING OF SIN

1. THE SERAPH'S FLIGHT FROM THE THRONE
2. THE SERAPH'S FIERY COAL TAKEN FROM THE ALTAR

Isaiah 6:6,

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:

THE SERAPH'S SYMBOLIC CLEANSING/PURGING OF SIN

3. THE SERAPH'S APPLICATION OF THE COAL
4. THE SERAPH'S DECLARATION OF SIN PURGED

Isaiah 6:7,

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.

III. THE CALL - THE REASONABLE SERVICE EXPECTED BY THE HOLY ONE (6:8-10)

(6:8) 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.

(6:9) And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

(6:10) Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

A. THE CALL IN THE FORM OF A QUESTION

1. THE QUESTION IMPLYING NEED
2. THE ANSWER REPLYING AVAILABLE

Isaiah 6:8,

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.

B. THE COMMISSION AND THE DETAILS

1. THE COMMAND TO GO AND TELL
2. THE CHALLENGE OF MINISTERING TO SINNERS

Isaiah 6:9a,

And he said, Go, and tell this people . . .

IV. THE CONFLICT - CALLOUSNESS (6:9b-10)

Hear ye indeed, but understand not;
and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

(A) Make the heart of this people fat,
(B) and make their ears heavy,
(X) and shut their eyes;

(X) lest they see with their eyes,
(B1) and hear with their ears,
(A1) and understand with their heart,

and convert, and be healed.

V. THE COMFORT - HOPE OF A REMNANT OF BELIEVERS (6:1-13)

(6:11) Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,

(6:12) And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

(6:13) But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

A. THE CONCERN OF THE DURATION OF THE JUDGMENT

Isaiah 6:11-12,

Then said I, Lord, how long?

And he answered,

Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant,

and the houses without man,

And the LORD have removed men far away,

and there be a great forsaking in the midst of

the land.

B. THE CONFIDENCE THAT THERE WILL BE A HOLY SEED - A REMNANT

Isaiah 6:13,

But yet in it shall be a tenth,
and it shall return, and shall be eaten:
as a teil tree, and as an oak,
whose substance is in them,
when they cast their leaves:
so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

CONCLUSION

THE CHRIST: Vision of the Son of God

THE CONVERSION: Victory for Isaiah

THE CALL TO SERVE: Volunteer to Go and Tell

THE CONFLICT: Some Sinners will not Believe

THE COMFORT: Some Sinners will Believe

Invitation to the Unbeliever

Dear Lord,

“Woe is me! for I am undone.”

I acknowledge that I am a sinner.

I believe that Jesus died for me and rose again.

I call on You now in faith to save me from my sins.

I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.