
Resources

- Watch or listen to Sunday's sermon: abfboone.org/isaiah-61-8
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Isaiah 6:1-8 (ESV)

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of 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, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." 8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Sermon Outline

- I. God revealed himself to Isaiah (1-5)
- II. God restored Isaiah to himself (6-8)

Life Group Leader Notes:



Group Discussion Questions

- What were your main takeaways from the sermon?

- Before this week's sermon, what did you know about King Uzziah and his 52-year reign? How did Uzziah's life end? How does his life and death impact your understanding of Isaiah 6? *In the year that King Uzziah died...* (You can find out more about his life in 2 Chronicles 26.)

- Pastor Josh contrasted Uzziah and Isaiah's approach to the throne of God. Uzziah rushed into God's presence, while Isaiah bowed in front of the threshold. Uzziah presumed on God's holiness; Isaiah bowed in reverent fear. How do you approach God's throne? Do you rush in? Do you presume on his holiness? How does Christ's atoning sacrifice impact the way that you approach God? (See Hebrews 4).

- In verse 5, Isaiah was painfully aware of his own sin. He cried, "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." See Isaiah chapter 5 for Isaiah's long list of "woes" to his own people. Now, in front of God's throne, Isaiah pronounced woe upon himself. When is the last time you were "undone" by the impact of your own sin in light of God's holiness? Has this ever happened to you? How did you respond?

- Pastor Josh included a long list of accomplishments that we try to hide behind in order to prevent an uncomfortable encounter with God's holiness. Surely we don't need to quake in God's presence like Isaiah because we listen to sermons, go on mission trips, or give to the poor, etc... What kind of accomplishments do you hide behind? How might that get in the way of truly knowing God? (See Philipians 3:7-8).

- In verse 7, the seraphim brought the burning coal to Isaiah's mouth. But instead of condemning him, the coal *cleansed* him. Pastor Josh said that *the Lord of glory is also the Lord of grace*. One of the main themes of the entire worship service was our great need for God. How have you felt your need for God's grace this week? Have you tried to fill your need with something other than God? How can you receive God's grace this week?

- John 12:41 makes the stunning claim that when Isaiah saw this vision in Isaiah 6, he was seeing the glory of the *Son of God*. How does this tie in to our discussion on the importance of recognizing Jesus as the Son of God in 1 John?

