

4 - THE CALLING OF ISAIAH (ISAIAH 6:1-13)

I. The Vision of the Lord (Isaiah 6:1-4)

A. The timing (Isaiah 6:1a)

- Isaiah had this vision in the year King Uzziah died, 739 B.C.

Historical Note: Uzziah (Azariah)

Uzziah was the son of Amaziah and his successor to the throne of Judah. He is also called Azariah. At the age of 16, he became Judah's tenth king and ruled for 52 years (792-740 B.C.). because he was the people's choice as successor to the throne, he immediately undertook military action against the enemies of Judah. he won battles against the Edomites, the Philistines, the Arabians and the Meunites. He also strengthened the kingdom, which was reported as far as Egypt. He made many improvements throughout the kingdom. Yet in spite of his successes, he strayed far from the Lord at the end of his life. In pride, Uzziah disobediently entered the temple (insensitive to the sin involved) and was struck with leprosy which made him ceremonially unclean (2 Chron. 26:16-20). He lived out the rest of his life as an outcast in his palace. He died a leper. See: 2 Chronicles 26:1-23; 2 Kings 14:21; 15:1-7.

B. The Lord (Isaiah 6:1b-4)

1. On his throne (Isaiah 6:1b)

- Isaiah sees a vision of the Lord seated on his throne.
- The train of his robe filled the temple, which was in Jerusalem.

2. The seraphim (Isaiah 6:2-3)

a. Their description (Isaiah 6:2)

- Isaiah sees angels with six wings above the throne of God.

SCRIPTURE Ezekiel 1:1-28, Revelation 4:6-8

b. Their cry (Isaiah 6:3)

- The angels cried out that the Lord is holy.
- The threefold cry suggests supreme or complete wholeness.

3. His presence (Isaiah 6:4)

- The shaking of the foundations of the doorposts suggests the presence and power of God.
- The smoke can refer to the cloud of God's glory.

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SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 8:10-13

II. Isaiah's Response (Isaiah 6:5)

- Isaiah became aware of his sinfulness as he saw the holiness of God.
- Isaiah confessed his sin and his hopelessness.

III. The Cleansing of Isaiah (Isaiah 6:6-8)

A. The cleansing (Isaiah 6:6-7a)

- One of the angels flew to Isaiah with a live coal from the altar and touched his lips.

B. The proclamation (Isaiah 6:7b)

- The angel proclaimed that Isaiah's sin was atoned for.

C. Isaiah's commission (Isaiah 6:8)

- God provides Isaiah with an opportunity for service by asking the question.
- The word “Us” in reference to God hints at the Trinity.

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:26, 11:7

- Isaiah responds that he would willingly serve God.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 51:12-13

IV. Isaiah's Message (Isaiah 6:9-13)

A. The message (Isaiah 6:9-10)

- Isaiah is to proclaim a message that will be rejected by hardhearted people.

B. Isaiah's question (Isaiah 6:11a)

- Isaiah asks how long must he deliver a message to people who will reject it?

C. The duration (Isaiah 6:11b-13)

- He must proclaim the message until judgment comes.
- God promises that not all will be lost as a remnant will be left.