

Isaiah's Reality

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Week 1 Handout

Please read the following passages with your team and have them fill in the blanks:

Isaiah 6

Isaiah - Chapters 1-6 (The time period is found in 2 Kings 15-21 and 2 Chronicles 26-33.)

Isaiah encountered a Holy God and Worshipped! The process of that experience is outlined in scripture of his response to each moment regarding his vision and communion with God through Isaiah 6.

"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." (Isaiah 6:1, ESV)

"And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His Glory!'" (Isaiah 6:3, ESV)

1. Isaiah recognized God's position in verse 1.
2. Isaiah recognized God's attributes, God's holiness in verse 3.

"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!'" (Isaiah 6:5, ESV)

3. Isaiah recognized his uncleanliness, his lack of reverence to a Holy God and his lowly position. He was undone in verse 5.

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“And He touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” (Isaiah 6:7, ESV)

4. Isaiah experienced God's grace and forgiveness. Righteousness given or imparted by our Holy God. This is a beautiful picture of our salvation and atonement for sins in verse 7.

“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!’” (Isaiah 6:8, ESV)

“And He said, “Go and say to this people: Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.” (Isaiah 6:9, ESV)

5. Isaiah experienced a command to go and to encourage others also in the pursuit of the Great Commission in verses 8 and 9.

“Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.” (Isaiah 6:10, ESV)

“And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump. (Isaiah 6:13, ESV)



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6. Isaiah understood the consequences of sin and the need for repentance as well as the overwhelming love of Christ for His people in verses 10 and 13.

Before Isaiah had his reality, Uzziah became proud and is noted in 2 Chronicles 26. (Right in the timeline of Isaiah 1 -5).

Isaiah started saying to those around him, “woe to you...” But in Isaiah 6, Isaiah is saying, ‘woe is me’. We see a shifting in Isaiah’s perspective of his sin.