

## THE CALL OF ISAIAH Isaiah 6:1-8

### INTRODUCTION

- A. The Boy Scout Motto – Be Prepared!
  - 1. Always ready to do what is necessary to help others.
  - 2. Ready, willing, and able to do what is necessary in any situation that comes along.
  - 3. Prepared to live a full and worthwhile life, being a physically fit, honorable citizen of strong character.
- B. The Church Motto – Be Prepared!
  - 1. But what response do we give when presented with the opportunity to serve God, spread the gospel, or further His kingdom?
    - a. Moses balked and pushed against God – excuses.
    - b. Isaiah responded quickly, “*Here I am! Send me.*”
  - 2. But how do we align ourselves with Isaiah in his response to the Lord?
- D. The Rule of King Uzziah.
  - 1. He began ruling at age 16 and reigned 52 years.
  - 2. His reign described in 2 Chron. 26:4-5.
  - 3. But he became proud in his own strength, 2 Chron. 26:16.
    - a. He became unfaithful to the Lord.
    - b. He burned incense in the temple (a priest’s job).
  - 4. Israel was rapidly approaching their downfall.
  - 5. Isaiah was concerned for the wellbeing of Judah.

### I. THE THRONE ROOM OF GOD.

- A. Vivid Description of God in Heaven, vs. 1.
  - 1. Sitting on a throne, high and lifted up.
  - 2. The train of His robe filled the temple.
  - 3. Imagine the greatness in size of the Lord.
  - 4. Isa. 66:1 – “*Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me?*”
- B. Angelic Seraphim, vss. 2-3.
  - 1. The only mention of “seraphim” in the Bible.
    - a. The seraphim had 6 wings.
    - b. They were created for the purpose of praising God.
  - 2. And they praised God, “*Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory.*”
    - a. Only time used in the Old Testament (N.T., Rev. 4).
    - b. When a word is repeated – important! Super superlative.
    - c. Isaiah mentions God as “the Holy One of Israel” (Isa. 5:24).
    - d. The term expresses what made God – God! Lev. 19:1-3, holiness!
  - 3. When the seraphim spoke, the foundation of the thresholds shook, vs. 4.
    - a. How much greater the effect when God speaks!
  - 4. The temple filled with smoke. The glory of the Lord seen as a consuming fire, Ex. 24:17; Heb. 12:29.

- C. Isaiah Out of His Comfort Zone, vss. 5.
  - 1. Surrounded by images that must have been terrifying and yet, beautiful.
  - 2. A scene which truly could be described as AWESOME!
  - 3. The words of Isaiah, “*Woe is me!*” vs. 5
    - a. Isaiah recognizes his unworthiness.
    - b. When we see the Lord (holy), we see ourselves as sinners!
    - c. Too often we may compare ourselves with the person across the aisle, or those we meet from day to day.
    - d. We need to see ourselves as sinners in need of a Savior!
  - 4. The seraphim respond to his uncleanness, vss. 6-7.
    - a. A burning coal is taken to touch the lips of Isaiah.
    - b. “*Your iniquity is taken away.*”
    - c. Isaiah – purified with a burning coal.
  - 5. Once clean, Isaiah responds, “*Here I am! Send me!*” vs. 8
    - a. Was then prepared to be sent.

## II. PREPARED TO ANSWER THE CALL.

- A. A Proper Relationship with God.
  - 1. The seraphim, “*Your guilt is taken away.*”
  - 2. Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, 1 Pet. 1:18-19.
  - 3. Justified by His blood, Rom. 5:9.
  - 4. The first step is to be washed in the waters of baptism.
- B. Knowledge of God’s Word.
  - 1. God spoke directly to Isaiah and He speaks directly to us.
    - a. Through His Word – 2 Thess. 2:14; 2 Tim. 3:15.
    - b. We must know what God calls us to do.
  - 2. Obedience – “*If you love Me, you will keep My commandments*” (John 14:15).
  - 3. Be about telling of Jesus, Mt. 28:19-20.
- C. A Psalm of David, Ps. 51.
  - 1. “*Create in me a clean heart, O God...*” vs. 10.
  - 2. “*Restore to me the joy of Your salvation...*” vs. 12.
  - 3. “*Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You.*” vs. 13.

## CLOSING

- A. Be Prepared. The Boy Scout Motto.
- B. Be Prepared – the Christian motto!
  - a. “*...be ready in season and out of season...*” 2 Tim. 4:2.
    - i. ***Preach it when they want it and preach it when they don’t!***
  - b. But it begins with a right relationship with the Lord.