

The Call of God's Prophet Isaiah: Three Elements Necessary to Serve God Isaiah 06:01 – 13

1. *A vision of the LORD*

a. His exaltation and majesty

- 1) Isaiah saw Him on His throne
- 2) Isaiah saw the LORD's flowing robe fill the temple

b. His holiness and glory

- 1) Isaiah saw the seraphim above God's throne
 - They were like humans: Had faces, feet and voices
 - They had six wings
- 2) Isaiah witnessed the seraphim's fervent, unbroken praise of God's holiness and glory

c. His power and presence: Isaiah saw God's presence fill the temple

2. *A conviction of unworthiness:*

All are sinners and need cleansing

a. Isaiah felt deep anguish and confessed his sin and the sins of the human race

b. Isaiah was cleansed by a hot coal from *the altar*

- 1) This symbolized the purifying blood of the sacrifice (a type of Christ)
- 2) This symbolized God's atonement for his sins

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.

2 Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

3 And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

5 "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

7 With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

<p>3. A surrender to the LORD, to His call and commission</p> <p>a. Isaiah heard God’s call and responded: A spirit of readiness, resolve and trust</p> <p>b. Isaiah commissioned by God: To go and warn the people</p> <p>1) Against hearing God’s Word but never understanding it</p> <p>2) Against hard hearts, deaf ears and blind eyes, 29:9; 42:18; 43:8; Mt. 13:13-15</p> <p>3) Against continuing to resist to the point of no return</p> <p>c. Isaiah was called to persevere in a difficult ministry: He asked how long the people would resist the truth</p> <p>1) Until the hand of God’s judgment fell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Until the nation was destroyed • Until the people were exiled <p>2) Until only a remnant remained, but even they would be destroyed, 2 Kng. 25:1-30</p> <p>3) Until the <i>holy seed</i> arose from the stump that was left (the few survivors)</p>	<p>8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”</p> <p>9 He said, “Go, and tell this people: ‘Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’”</p> <p>10 Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn and be healed.”</p> <p>11 Then I said, “For how long, LORD?” And he answered: “Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged,</p> <p>12 Until the LORD has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken.</p> <p>13 And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land.”</p>
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