

Woe
Isaiah 6:1-8

1. Be _____ of God – vv. 1-4

- Isaiah 40:25 (NIV) - “To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.

2. Be _____ by God – vv. 5-7

- V. 5 - [Woe is me!] “That is, I am filled with overwhelming convictions of my own unworthiness, with alarm that I have seen Yahweh.”
- 1 Peter 1:16 (NIV) – “for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’”
- Ephesians 1:3-4 (NIV) – “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.”

3. Be _____ for God – v. 8

To Go

1. Read 1 Peter 1 and Ephesians 1.
2. Re-read Isaiah 6:1-8. When was the last time you responded to God in a similar way as Isaiah?
3. What if anything in your life is keeping you from saying to God, “here I am send me?”
4. Write on a piece of paper using 25 words or less what it means to be emptied of self.

At Home Study Guide

For the week of October 30, 2016

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Quick Review

The context of Isaiah 6 provides a wonderful contrast between one who is humble in seeking the Lord and one who is flippant. Isaiah’s vision breaks through the mundane and enters us into the glorious realities of Holy God: beauty, worship, awe, fear, joy. ... all leading to Isaiah’s posture of humility. At that time (~739 BC) King Uzziah was known as the leper King of Israel. Just a few years before Isaiah 6, in a moment of strength, pride, and ultimately self destruction, Uzziah entered into the temple and offered a sacrifice displeasing to God. The priests and men of valor stood against Uzziah and God struck Uzziah with leprosy. Uzziah’s leprosy excluded him from the house of the Lord as one who was ceremonially unclean. The contrast of Isaiah and Uzziah serves as a reminder that God wants fellowship with His people on His terms. Our pride or our humility will determine whether we are welcomed into the presence of God.

During the sermon, what stood out to you about the character and nature of God?

What is it about God’s presence that causes people to fear? Should we be afraid in the presence of God?

Notice the similarities in Mark 4:35-41, Luke 5:1-11 and Isaiah 6:1-8. How do these passages help you better understand what it means to encounter God as He is rather than who we often make Him out to be?

What themes do you see in Isaiah 6:1-8 that show up later in the life of Jesus?

Read 2 Chronicles 26 and notice the pattern of King Uzziah’s life from spiritual success to failure. If you find yourself in a place of pride before God, allow the challenge of 1 Peter 5 to reset your heart. Peter writes, “Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

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