

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

I. God’s Denunciation of Judah (1:1-12:6)

- A. The Condemnation of Judah (1:1-2:1-4)
- B. The Cleansing Judgments to Come (2:5-5:30)
 - 1. The *Corruption* of the People (2:5-11)
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C. The Calling of Isaiah (6:1-13)

1. His *Celestial Vision* (6:1-4)

6 In the year of King Uzziah’s death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe *filling* the temple.

² Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

³ And one called out to another and said,

“Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts,
The whole earth is full of His *glory*.”

⁴ And the foundations of the *thresholds* trembled at the *voice* of him who called out, while the temple was *filling* with smoke.

2. His *Cleansing from Sin* (6:5-7)

⁵ Then I said, “Woe is me, for I am *ruined*!
Because I am a man of *unclean lips*,
And I live among a people of *unclean lips*;
For my eyes have *seen* the King, the LORD of hosts.”

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

⁷ He *touched my mouth* with it and said,
“Behold, this has *touched your lips*;
and your *iniquity* is taken away and your *sin* is forgiven.”

3. His *Commission from God* (6:8-13)

⁸ Then I heard the **voice** of **the Lord**, saying,
“**Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?**”

Then I said, “**Here am I. Send me!**”

⁹ **He said**, “**Go**, and **tell this people**:
‘Keep on **listening**, but do **not perceive**;
Keep on **looking**, but do **not understand**.’

¹⁰ “Render the **hearts** of this people **insensitive**,
Their **ears dull**,
And their **eyes dim**,

Otherwise they might **see** with their **eyes**,
Hear with their **ears**,
Understand with their **hearts**,
And **return** and **be healed**.”

¹¹ Then I said, “**Lord, how long?**” And **He answered**,

“Until **cities** are **devastated** and **without inhabitant**,
Houses are **without people**
And the **land** is **utterly desolate**,

¹² “**The LORD** has **removed men** far away,
And the **forsaken places** are **many** in the **midst** of the **land**.

¹³ “Yet there will be **a tenth portion** in it,
And it will **again** be **subject** to **burning**,
Like a **terebinth** or an **oak**
Whose **stump remains** when it is **felled**.
The **holy seed** is its **stump**.”

Personal Application

As **Believers, we too** have a **Ministry Calling**,
similar to **Isaiah’s Prophetic Calling**

A. Our *Calling* can **also** involve “**glimpses**” of the **Glory of God**

“**Blessed** are the **pure in heart**, for they shall **see God**.” (Matthew 5:8)

And the **Word (of God)** became **flesh**,
and **dwelt among us**, and we **saw His glory**,
glory as of the **only begotten** from the **Father**,
full of **grace** and **truth**. (John 1:14)

He who **sees Me (Jesus)** sees the **One** who **sent Me**. (John 12:45)

And **He (Jesus)** is the *radiance* of His glory
and the *exact representation* of His nature,
and **upholds all things** by the word of His power.

When **He** had made **purification of sins**,
He sat down at the *right hand* of the **Majesty on high**,...(Hebrews 1:3)

For we do *not* preach **ourselves** but **Messiah Jesus as Lord**,
and **ourselves** as your **bond-servants** for **Jesus' sake**.

For **God**, who said, "*Light shall shine out of darkness*,"
is the **One** who has **shone** in our hearts
to give the *Light* of the **knowledge** of the glory of **God**
in the face of Messiah. (II Corinthians 4:5-6)

B. Our *Calling* also **requires** a Cleansing from Sin

Be **gracious** to me, **O God**, according to Your **lovingkindness**;
According to the **greatness** of Your **compassion blot out** my **transgressions**...

Purify me with **hyssop**, and I shall be *clean*;
Wash me, and I shall be **whiter than snow**.

Make me to hear **joy** and **gladness**,
Let the **bones** which **You** have **broken rejoice**.

Hide Your face from *my sins*
And **blot out** all *my iniquities*.

Create in me a **clean heart**, **O God**,
And **renew** a **steadfast spirit** within me...

Restore to me the **joy** of Your **salvation**
And **sustain me** with a *willing spirit*.

Then I will teach transgressors Your **ways**,
And **sinner**s will be converted to **You**. (Psalm 51:1, 7-13)

Or do you not know that the **unrighteous** will not inherit the **kingdom of God**?...

Such were **some of you**; but **you** were washed,
but **you** were sanctified, but **you** were justified in the **name** of
the **Lord Jesus the Messiah** and in the **Spirit** of **our God**.
(I Corinthians 6:9a, 11)

Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these *things* (**ungodliness**),
he will be a vessel for **honor**, sanctified, useful to the **Master**,
prepared for every good work. (II Timothy 2:21)

C. Our *Calling* also involves **Proclaiming God's Message**

1. A *Message* that **proclaims the Gospel of Messiah**

Now I make **known** to you, brethren,
the **gospel** which **I preached to you**,
which also **you received**, in which also **you stand**,
by which also **you are saved**,
if you **hold fast** the **word** which I **preached to you**,
unless you **believed *in vain***.

For I **delivered** to you as of **first importance** what I also **received**,
that **Messiah died for our *sins*** according to the **Scriptures**,
and that **He was buried**, and that **He was raised** on the **third day**
according to the **Scriptures**,.. (I Corinthians 15:1-4)

2. A *Message* that has as its **mission**—**making Disciples of the Messiah**

And **Jesus** came up and spoke to them, saying,
“All **authority** has been **given to Me** in **heaven** and on **earth**.

Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the **nations**,
baptizing them in the **name** of the **Father** and the **Son** and the **Holy Spirit**,
teaching them to observe all that **I commanded you**;
and lo, I am **with you always**, even to the **end of the age**.”
(Matthew 28:18-20)

3. A *Message* that will **also** be **rejected** by **those** who have
hardened hearts, and are **unable** to **hear** and **perceive it**

And even if our **gospel** is **veiled**,
it is **veiled** to those who are **perishing**,

in whose case the **god of *this world***
has **blinded the minds** of the **unbelieving**
so that they might **not see** the **light** of the **gospel**
of the **glory of Messiah**,
who is the **image of God**. (II Corinthians 4:3-4)

Closing Comments