

Theme: Isaiah was given a revelation of God's glory and holiness, which revealed his own weakness and sin, and then he received atonement from God.

I. Intro – Key Event in Life

- A. Seven pounds quote -
- B. 7 days create; 7 seconds ruin
- C. Some events are life altering
- D. Today we being 2 weeks on Isaiah's vision
- E. This radically altered his life
- F. The effect goes down to today

II. Isaiah's Vision of God

- A. The time of the vision - year Uzziah died
 - 1. Don't know if before or after death
 - 2. Knew death was approaching
 - 3. Critical point in Judah's history
- B. The content of the vision - the Exalted Lord
 - 1. I saw the Lord - Adonai - Ruler, King
 - 2. The Kingly motif in passage
 - a. Adonai - Sovereign, Lord, Ruler
 - b. Seated on throne - power position
 - c. Hem of garment fills - wealth

d. Seraphs - attendants

3. The Seraphs and their song

- a. Seraphs - burning ones - only here in Word
- b. Covering self - can't bear God's glory/holiness
- c. An antiphonal song - Holy, holy, holy
- d. Same picture as Revelation 4:8
- e. Holiness - transcendence, moral purity
- f. Main point here is perfect holiness
- g. Earth is full of His glory!

4. Effects in the Temple - shake, smoke (4)

5. Sum of vision - the Awesome, Holy God

III. Isaiah's Response to the Vision

- A. Joke - God what's up? - modern response
- B. A cry of of woe! - I am in trouble!
- C. A cry of ruin - I will be undone/cease to exist
- D. Isaiah's two reasons for woe & lament
 - 1. He has seen YHWH Sabaoth, the True King
 - 2. He is full of sin - unclean lips - Judah too
 - a. Can't join in praise of Seraphs but should
 - b. Mouth reveals unclean heart
 - c. Mouth is what God will use - shows Isaiah his sin here

IV. God's Response - Atonement

- A. Seraph comes with coal from altar
- B. I think it is altar of atonement
- C. Touches the lips - point of sin
- D. Guilt (iniquity) is removed
- E. Atonement - כפר - appease wrath

V. Applying the Word

- A. Do we see that God is the Sovereign King?
 - 1. He rules over all things
 - 2. He is absolute Sovereign of Universe
 - 3. He has no rivals, His will is going to be done
 - 4. Do we live in faith like we believe this?
 - 5. Why look to others when God is Sovereign?
- B. Do we see that God is utterly holy?
 - 1. This is the fundamental fact about God
 - 2. He is utterly transcendent, utterly pure
 - 3. Does my speech about God & worship reflect this?
 - 4. Does my behavior reflect this?
- C. Do we see God has provided atonement?
 - 1. God does not and will not abide sin

- 2. This would leave us hopeless - but for God
 - 3. Christ has made atonement
 - 4. Christ is burning coal Who appeased wrath
 - 5. He has removed our guilt - we are free!
- D. The Lord's Table - The Sign and the Reality
- 1. The Table signifies body and blood of Christ
 - 2. Unbreakable link - many miss this today
 - 3. Come confess sin and receive cleansing

The Call of Isaiah - Part 1 - His Vision

Isaiah 6:1-7
Revelation 4:1-11
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Communion
1 Timothy 1:17 & 2 Corinthians 13:14

Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

Revelation 4:8