Isaiah 6:1-8 Isaiah's Call

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       Loss of a good king (Ecclesiastes 7:2)
       LORD: High and Exalted (I Timothy 1:17)
       Loud proclamation – it shook the Temple (Hebrews 12:26-27)
              Angelic beings – having six wings (consider their use)
              Ascribe to the LORD – He is the thrice Holy God (Psalm 29:1-2)
The Response (5)
       I am undone (Judges 6:22-23; 13:21-22)
       I am guilty (Luke 5:8)
       I am unworthy (Job 40:3-5)
The Cleansing (6-7)
       Live coal – taken from the altar (atoning sacrifices – Leviticus 16:17, 24, 34)
       Lips are touched (Matthew 12:36-37 / James 3:2 / Romans 3:19; 10:8-10)
       Life is restored – sin is removed (Hebrews 10:11-14)
The Changed Heart (8)
       Whom shall I send? – who is worthy to go?
       Who will be willing to go? – who has a servant's heart?
       Why not me? – is my heart ready?
              Hearing His call (Romans 10:17)
              Hardness of heart? (I Timothy 4:1-2)
              Heavy heart? (I Peter 5:6-7)
              Higher call (Philippians 3:13-15)
              Healthy heart – strengthened by healthy teaching (Titus 2:1, 11-14)
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Discussion questions for Isaiah 6:1-8
What happens when we have an encounter with God in His glory? (Exodus 33:19-23 / Matthew 17:5-8)
What happens when angels or demons encounter His glory? (Revelation 4:8/Matthew 8:29-30)
What do we recognize about ourselves when we have an encounter with God? (Romans 3:23)
Describe a time when you encountered Him. How did you respond?
What is necessary for us to be used by God? To be in His presence? (II Corinthians 5:21)
What is our reasonable response when God has entered and changed our lives? (Romans 12:1)
What things hinder us from responding to His call?
What should we expect when we answer His call? (Luke 17:10)

The Vision (1-4) – He saw Jesus (John 12:39-41)

Loss of a good king (Ecclesiastes 7:2) *Grief can sometimes bring us to God*

LORD: High and Exalted (I Timothy 1:17) It is His position, who He is

Loud proclamation – it shook the Temple (Hebrews 12:26-27)

Angelic beings – having six wings (consider their use) *Covering face and feet*Ascribe to the LORD – He is the thrice Holy God (Psalm 29:1-2)

He is Holy, Holier and Holiest

The Response (5)

I am undone (Judges 6:22-23; 13:21-22)

No more hiding, no more pretending – will I survive? (Exodus 20:18-19) I am guilty (Luke 5:8)

I know my guilt and recognize that I deserve death (Romans 6:23)
I am unworthy (Job 40:3-5)

I can do nothing to earn His favor, I do not deserve His grace and mercy
The Cleansing (6-7)

Live coal – taken from the altar (atoning sacrifices – Leviticus 16:17, 24, 34)

Sacrifice is required for me to be forgiven (Hebrews 9:13-14, 22)

Lips are touched (Matthew 12:36-37 / James 3:2 / Romans 3:19; 10:8-10)

My mouth reveals my heart, my mouth confesses my Lord
Life is restored – sin is removed (Hebrews 10:11-14)

The Changed Heart (8)

Whom shall I send? – who is worthy to go?

Only Jesus makes us worthy

Who will be willing to go? – who has a servant's heart?

Am I willing to give my all for the One who gave all for me?

Why not me? – is my heart ready?

Hearing His call (Romans 10:17) Let His word speak to my heart

Hardness of heart? (I Timothy 4:1-2) Let sin not make my heart calloused

Heavy heart? (I Peter 5:6-7) *Let Jesus carry my burdens*

Higher call (Philippians 3:13-15) Let me recognize that He has more

Healthy heart – strengthened by healthy teaching (Titus 2:1, 11-14)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 6:1-8

What happens when we have an encounter with God in His glory? (Exodus 33:19-23 / Matthew 17:5-8) We would die if we saw the fulness of God's glory. It is terrifying even to experience a glimpse of His glory. One day we shall see Him as He is. (I John 3:2)

What happens when angels or demons encounter His glory? (Revelation 4:8/Matthew 8:29-30)

Angels proclaim His greatness and demons fear His judgment

What do we recognize about ourselves when we have an encounter with God? (Romans 3:23) Our sinfulness, just how far short we fall. How unworthy we are of His love, mercy and grace.

Describe a time when you encountered Him. How did you respond?

What is necessary for us to be used by God? To be in His presence? (II Corinthians 5:21) We must be changed (born again). The blood of Jesus covers us, and we are imputed with His righteousness. We will be changed (I Corinthians 15:50-51) to be made like Him, so that we can be in His presence fully.

What is our reasonable response when God has entered and changed our lives? (Romans 12:1) To offer ourselves as a bond-slave to Him – to give ourselves fully to His purpose for our lives To offer the parts of our body as instruments of righteousness to Him (Romans 6:11-14)

What things hinder us from responding to His call?

Being too busy and/or distracted to hear His call (Matthew 13:22)

Being calloused by sin, creating a hard and unresponsive heart

Being weighed down with burdens – not allowing Jesus to carry them for us

What should we expect when we answer His call? (Luke 17:10)

In one sense, nothing, we are only doing what is expected of a servant.

In another sense, everything, knowing we are living for our purpose. (John 10:10)

At times our service may see great results, and at other times little – He uses all that is done for Him (I Corinthians 16:58)