Character Study: Isaiah Part 2 – Isaiah's Call Confirmed Isaiah 6:1-13

What's happening?

- In the year King Uzziah died (740 B.C.), Isaiah saw a vision in which the Lord was "<u>high</u> and <u>lifted up</u>; and the train of his robe filled the temple." Seraphim (angels) were seen worshiping the Lord. The door posts shook and smoke filled the house. (6:1-4)
- Isaiah received a heavenly vision that confirmed his calling as a prophet. Note the sequence of events as they unfolded:
 - The Lord revealed His glory (vv. 1-4).
 - Isaiah recognized his sinfulness (v. 5).
 - Isaiah experienced God's forgiveness (vv. 6-7).
 - \triangleright The removal of sin led to an opportunity to <u>serve</u> (v. 8).
 - The Lord gave Isaiah his mission (vv. 9-13).
- Isaiah would speak on behalf of the Lord, prophesying coming <u>judgment</u> to the people of Judah. Despite the warning, Isaiah was told that most of the people would not turn from their sin. (6:9-13)

What's God doing?

> God revealed His <u>exalted</u> position and <u>majesty</u> to Isaiah. This allowed Isaiah to see God's holiness and power. His <u>conviction</u> over his sin and <u>willingness</u> to do God's will were the results of seeing God for who He is. This encounter no doubt made a lasting impression on Isaiah.

What's to learn?

- → Cleansing of sin enables <u>obedience</u> to the call of God on our lives. God's plans for Isaiah were not revealed until after he was cleansed. We must not overlook or ignore sin in our lives. Sin <u>hinders</u> us from being used by God, but confession <u>opens</u> the <u>door</u> to opportunities of service.
- → If you wonder how you can truly experience holiness in your life, remember that it begins with <u>seeing</u> God for who He is. We may not be able to see God's glory fill a temple like Isaiah did, but God will reveal Himself to us as we <u>study</u> and <u>meditate</u> on His Word! Allow the Holy Spirit to give you a grasp of the power and majesty of God. It may just leave you with a lasting impression that sets the stage for your life!

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