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 “high and lifted up; 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).
  ➢ The removal of sin led to an opportunity to serve (v. 8).
  ➢ The Lord gave Isaiah his mission (vv. 9-13).

• Isaiah would speak on behalf of the Lord, prophesying coming judgment 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 exalted position and majesty to Isaiah. This allowed Isaiah to see God’s holiness and power. His conviction over his sin and willingness 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 obedience 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 hinders us from being used by God, but confession opens the door to opportunities of service.

→ If you wonder how you can truly experience holiness in your life, remember that it begins with seeing 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 study and meditate 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!