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 <u>glory</u> (vv. 1-4).
- Isaiah recognized his <u>sinfulness</u> (v. 5).
- ➢ Isaiah experienced God's <u>forgiveness</u> (vv. 6-7).
- The removal of sin led to an opportunity to serve (v. 8).
- The Lord gave Isaiah his <u>mission</u> (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 <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?

 \rightarrow 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.

 \rightarrow 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!