

Focus passage: Isaiah 6:1-8

1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. **2** Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. **3** And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. **5** And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. **7** And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

What stands out to you from this passage?

Why do you think these angels, called seraphim, have three sets of wings? What job are they given in these text?

At such an awe-inspiring vision, how does Isaiah react? How do you think you would have?

*In regards to this passage I read a great phrase, “the trauma of holiness.”¹ God’s holiness is so glorious and overwhelming to Isaiah that all he can do is confess his unworthiness. He says he is lost, or in other versions “I am ruined” or “I am undone.” **Read Luke 5:1-11** and discuss the similar reaction Simon Peter has to Isaiah.*

Often the prophets who were chosen by God were the more righteous people in the land, yet Isaiah still reacts with great humility and repentance. What does it say to you that no matter how good a person is, he or she is still a sinner before God?

*Isaiah does not remain with unclean lips for he is cleansed and his guilt is taken away. What is required for us to be cleansed and forgiven? **Read 1 John 1:8-9.***

How can you apply this Scripture to your life?

¹ <http://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/trauma-holiness/>

