

Story of Isaiah

Isaiah 6:1-13



bible verse

COMMITTING TO MEMORY



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Isaiah 6:3

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.



story lesson

BIBLE STORY

Israel had a lot of kings, especially when the kingdom split into Israel to the north and Judah to the south. It was hit or miss whether the king would follow God or follow idols (non-gods, or little "g" gods). God sent prophets to speak His word whenever there was a king who did not follow God's ways. These prophets endured much disdain and ridicule for speaking an unpopular message (sounds like Jesus?). The prophets had to really know that they were speaking the very words of God!

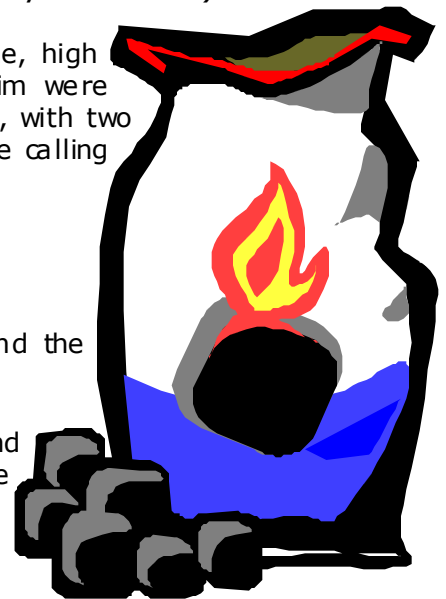
Isaiah was one such prophet who was sure of his calling (especially after this):

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."



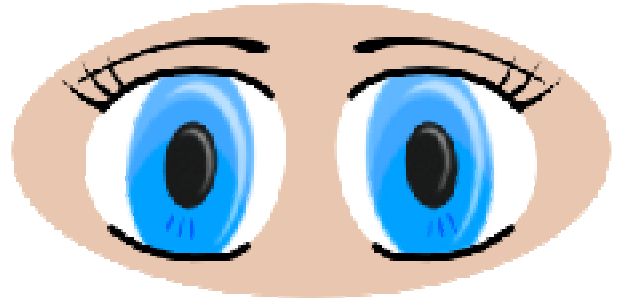
Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

He said, "Go and tell this people:

'Be ever hearing, but never understanding;
be ever seeing, but never perceiving.
Make the heart of this people calloused;
make their ears dull and close their eyes.
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.'"



Then I said, "For how long, O Lord?"

And he answered:

"Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant,
until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged,
until the LORD has sent everyone far away
and the land is utterly forsaken.
And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste.
But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down,
so the holy seed will be the stump in the land."

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Isaiah saw the Lord. He saw His glory and the angels surrounding the throne. And Isaiah saw himself, his true self in light of the Lord's glory. He realized that when compared with God we are all sinful and unworthy. And not just us personally, but us as a community. Isaiah was sorry that he lived among a people who did not care about God at all. This is exactly the kind of person God wanted to speak his words to the people.

Isaiah was a prophet to King Ahaz and most notably to King Hezekiah. Isaiah, in his prophecy, speaks often of the "Holy One of Israel," predicts the coming of the "Righteous One" who will redeem the world (Jesus!), writes amazing poetry and prose, and gives his readers a vision of God's future judgment and the restoration of all things. Isaiah literarily rewards us with vivid accounts of prophecies against nations, many Messianic allusions and descriptions, songs of praise, the day of judgment, many woes, assurances of salvation for Israel through an eventual Savior, and future glory and hope. Isaiah's mission as a prophet was to remind people to live according to God's ways. His message was far from popular. In fact, many prophets were eventually killed because of their boldness to speak God's words. Tradition has it that Isaiah was sawed in half during the reign of King Manasseh.



life application

MAKING IT REAL

Let Yourself Be Used By God

Isaiah let himself be used for God's purpose in the world, no matter what the cost was. He was made fun of for speaking what God wanted to say. Isaiah was obedient to do what God wanted him to do. And God used Isaiah to remind his people what they were supposed to be doing in the world—showing everyone what God is like. Israel's mission was to show the world that God wants to use people to bring about his kingdom. Ironically, God had to choose individuals (prophets) to do what the whole nation was supposed to be doing. A further irony is that God will use you no matter what kind of person you are—good or bad. The question is: are you going to be a person God uses to show everyone else what not to be? Or are you going to be one God uses to show people what kind of person to be? The choice is yours.



questions

REMEMBERING

1. **What was the name of Isaiah's job?** Prophet
2. **Who did Isaiah see sitting on a throne, high and exalted?** The LORD
3. **What did an angel use to atone for the sins of Isaiah?** A piece of live coal
4. **Was Isaiah a good prophet or a bad prophet?** Good prophet
5. **What special person does Isaiah write about in his book in the Bible?**
(hint: it is about someone in the future) Jesus



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