

Zion Lutheran Church
Sunday Morning Bible Study

Isaiah Chapter 6

Chapter six begins with the time stamp, “In the year that King Uzziah died.” This would place this part of his writing/vision at 740 B.C. It would appear that Isaiah presents this chapter as a validation for what he has already written because this chapter chronicles his call by God. Isaiah’s vision in chapter six is of heaven. He speaks of heaven in vocabulary of the temple or tabernacle, so it is helpful to remember the layout of the temple. There was the holy place which was when the priest would enter to offer prayer and burn incense at the altar of incense. Beyond the altar of incense, behind the “curtain of separation,” was the “holy of holies” or the “holy, holy place.” In Hebrew, a word is repeated twice to emphasize its meaning. Literally, “holy, holy” is translated “most holy.” This most holy place was home to the Ark of the Covenant which had the “mercy seat” or throne of God on top of it. In his vision, Isaiah sees the heavenly version of God’s temple. It still is in two parts, the holy place with the altar of incense and the most holy place with the throne of God. But there is one part missing! The curtain of separation is missing which puts Isaiah directly in the presence of God.

1. “Where was the Lord? How is this described? What is meant by this?”

2. What is the “train of His robe?” How is it described? What significance does this have?

3. Who or what are seraphim? Describe them!

9. To recap, Isaiah had a vision of God, He was certain he would be destroyed because he was a sinner, a man of unclean lips, but his lips had been purified and his sin atoned for. Why? (verse 8)

10. Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? What can we learn about God from this question? (There is more than one answer) What do we learn about Isaiah?

11. What was the first part of the message that God gave to Isaiah? (vs.9b) What was/is meant by this?

12. Verse 10 seems contradictory to God's desire that all people would be saved. He tells Isaiah to dull their hearts, make their ears heavy and blind their eyes. Why was he to do this? What does it mean?

13. Why would Isaiah ask, "how long, O Lord"?

14. How long would it take? (Vss. 11-12)

15. “Though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again.” What is meant by this?

16. What is the meaning of the oak or terebinth stump? (Is. 11:1; Dan 4:26)
