



Fall 2022

Stand-Alone Sermon

IT HAPPENED IN CHURCH

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Isaiah 6:1-8

Key thought: When you seek the Lord in worship, He will change your life!

What did Isaiah bring to worship?

- He came with a broken heart. (His cousin, King Uzziah died.)
- He came with shattered dreams. (Uzziah's death brought the hope of a nation down.)
- He came with a sinful conscience. (When he saw the Lord, he really saw himself.)

What did Isaiah do in worship?

- He looked upward to God. *"I saw the Lord"*

Worship = to fall or bow down

Worship is the act of prescribing worth to God.

Worship is the magnification of God, the minimization of self.

Spurgeon said,

"Whenever you read in the Old Testament that any man saw the Lord, understand it is of the Second Person of the Divine Trinity, the Lord Jesus Christ. He makes himself as we have said, visible to men, and God in him."

- He looked inward at himself. *"Woe is me"*

"In the presence of God's holiness, Isaiah was not struck by his humanity or mortality but by a) his own impurity, b) the uncleanness of the nation of Judah, c) the sight of the king, the Lord Almighty."^[1]

How was Isaiah changed?

- *He left with a new perception of God.*
- *He left with a new purity.*

^[1] Gary Smith, The New American Commentary, p. 191



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(This was an act of God's grace. Isaiah did nothing to accomplish his atonement. Every time you worship the Lord you can experience an act of His grace. When you confess and repent, God responds with grace.)

Isaiah's confession and contrition was met with God's gracious provision of mercy as He promised in Isaiah 57...

"For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, and also with the contrite and lowly of spirit (descriptive of Isaiah) in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of contrite." *Isaiah 57:15* (NASB95)

- *He left with a new purpose, a new dream, and a new promise.*

Take Away:

WE WANT YOU TO HAVE A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH THE LIVING GOD THAT CHANGES YOUR LIFE!

- Gather to worship and be attentive, focused, and transparent
- Gather to worship expecting to meet with God
- Leave obedient to God's Spirit