

JOIN GOD'S TEAM!

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 6:1-8

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3And one called out to another and said,

*"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts,
The whole earth is full of His glory."*

4And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke.

5Then I said,

*"Woe is me, for I am ruined!
Because I am a man of unclean lips,
And I live among a people of unclean lips.
For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."*

6Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. 7He touched my mouth with it and said, Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven."

*8Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"
Then I said, Here am I. Send me!"*

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Awesome, majestic, holy, holy, holy God! Threefold holy meant to give strong emphasis for God's Holiness. His throne declares His sovereignty, and mercy, and grace.

Jesus says that no one has seen God except the Son because God is Spirit. Here we see glory of His robes, His throne, His seraphim, but not God!

Moses had partial vision like the burning bush, and on mount Sinai. But he never saw God face to face either!

The seraphim, the highest created beings covered their eyes because it did not want to see the holy God, it covered its body because it did not want to reveal its nakedness. and it is flying around symbolizes its service to God as per His direction! They cried out, Holy, Holy, Holy. Holiness means separation. God cannot be compared with any created beings, including seraphim.

God's Shekinah, the glory of the Lord, spread all around like a majestic robe! His train filled the temple." This is an illusion to the flowing robes of Oriental monarchs, which signalize their stately grandeur. The flowing robes of His majesty filled the whole heavenly temple.

King Uzziah may have been dead, but the real King of Kings, and Lord of Lords from Heaven revealed His majesty to prove that He will always be there eternally!

II. The whole earth is full of His glory!

Psalm 19:1.

1The heavens tell of the glory of God; And the sky declares the work of His hands.

Nature reflects the glory of God all around us! Just take a good look all around you. The heavens and earth, and all that is within, declares the majesty and holiness of God! Invisible God is revealed through the glorious landscapes of nature!

III. Vs.4a. The foundations of the thresholds trembled! The vibrations of that heavenly hymn, Holy, Holy, Holy, reverberated, and shook the door posts! God's holiness shakes every part of our body, shreds our unclean flesh. The Holy Word of God shreds every part of our uncleanness, removes it from us, and fills us with Holiness.

IV. Vs. 4b The temple was filling with smoke!

The presence of God filled the temple! When Solomon dedicated the temple to God, the temple was filled with smoke of God's presence!

V. Vs 5 Isaiah panicked. Woe unto me! For I am ruined!

We cannot stand before our holy, awesome God! We will feel like fleeing!

The flaws of our sinful nature may not be exposed under dimmer light, but it stands out so obvious because of bright light of holiness of God upon us! No wonder, seraphim closed their eyes!

I am a man of unclean lips. Prophet realized that he was a sinner and he confessed that. We have unclean lips because we have unclean heart. Jesus said, out of the abundance of our heart, our mouth speaks!

I live among people who are unclean. It does matter who we are with! There is a proverb in India, "the calf that goes around with pig will eat crappy stuff like the pig!

Nowadays, Christians do not have any guilt concerning their sins because they have never been brought under the bright light of God's holiness! Let us bring that bright light of holiness to people through our conduct, through God's word, and Godly actions!

VI. Vs. 5b. For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!

We must see the Holiness of God through the Word of God, and through His Spirit, and have an encounter with Him. We must examine ourselves under the light of the Word that points to God's holiness and confess our sins!

VII. Vs.6 Burning coals were taken from the altar, and Seraphim touched the tongue of Isaiah! Fire is a purifier, and the coal was taken from the altar that had already consumed the precious blood sacrifice. The fire is symbolic of the Holy Spirit, who constantly cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

The seraphim said,

Vs. 7. Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven.”

There is a declaration from God that we are justified by Him, and we are cleansed by Him! We are sealed by the Holy Spirit as a seal to declare our imputed cleanliness.

VIII. Vs.8a. Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? God’s purpose, His mission! God has a mission, and He wants people to carry it out. He is asking, whom shall I send?

Please listen very carefully! God has a mission already. We don’t have to start a new mission. We must pay attention to God’s calling for His mission! See what God wants before you jump into some mission!

IX. Vs.8b. Then I said, here am I, send me!

God is looking for responsive, obedient children. When He calls, we must drop everything, and follow His instruction for His mission! Example: Peter, Andrew, James, and John following Jesus!

X. What is Will of God for the world? To seek and save that which is lost! People are getting lost every day, and He is looking for people who could approach those people and bring them back again. Can we all say, send me, Here I am? This must be our individual goal.

XI. What is the will of God for the church?

Acts 2:42 vision. We are supposed to nurture one another, edify, equip, love, and strengthen one another and send them out for God’s mission! What is God’s mission for us? Let us pray seriously and find out our collective goal as a church this year!

XII. Let us identify the works of God in our area and join hands with them! God is moving already in our Baltimore/Columbia area. What are those missions where God is moving already?

God is moving in helping up missions. God is moving in Maryland food bank at present and stirring our hearts to give. Anne Arundel Christian organization is feeding the poor there. Baltimore city is providing the food to the poor.

Let us operate like church without walls

Oakley and I and some other pastors were planning a mission trip to Nepal but got cancelled because of COVID 19 problem. We may try this year if everything goes well! God is moving powerfully in Nepal already, and we just want to be part of it in a small way.

Take a baby step first, then God will lead one step at a time.

You see where God is moving first. Then pray and see if God wants you to join that project.

This is exactly opposite from what we normally want. Start looking for God’s moving in your school. He is asking, whom shall I send? God is moving in hospitals to help out during this pandemic. He is asking whom shall I send? Can we say, here I am? (Caution: Before you go, try to take the vaccine shots!)

God is moving mightily right now to stop the stealing of the election on Jan. 6th. The so-called Evangelical Christians are acting as rogues and thieves to somehow steal the elections. God is asking, whom shall I send to stop this broad day light robbery? Can we move to stop this madness and riots on Jan. 6th and save this nation? Can we say, here I am for honesty, truth, justice, and fairness?

Are you ready to join God's team? Do not look at others. Do not look at the church. What do you, as individual, want to do in God's mission?

We will be studying a book called "Experiencing God" for our Bible study as of February. This book became very popular because it radicalized the way we interpret will of God in our lives, and the way we do missions. The author wants us to see what God is doing in our local area already, and he wants us to join that movement. It is an interesting thought, and it works. So, can we walk with our spiritual eyes open now onwards, and look for the moving of Spirit of God in our neighborhood, so that we can join God's team?

I hope you all say, send me! here I am!

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