

“Triune God and the Call”

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Isaiah sees something that forever will change him. In a vision, Isaiah gazes upon the LORD, Himself, seated on His throne. Immediately, Isaiah cries out, for he knows that he’s standing in the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Open to Isaiah 6. Isaiah 6 is a crisis event in Isaiah’s life. His lifelong ministry begins at the time of the death of King Uzziah. Uzziah had ruled successfully for 52 years and was a good king in God’s eyes. But now Uzziah’s dead and things don’t look very good for the future of Israel’s southern kingdom. Good King Uzziah may be dead, but Almighty God, the ruler of heaven and earth is alive and well!

Realize who God Is. Verses 1-3, *“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. 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. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

At the beginning of service this morning, we sang *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* just like the seraphim in Isaiah. These three Holy’s show us our Almighty, Triune God!

- Creator. Put all things together. Made sure everything was good.
- Redeemer. Willingly gave His life that we might have life forever.
- Comforter. Walks with us guiding and leading each day.

We need to be reminded that God’s still on the throne in our day. When we consider alarming things like terrorism and the threat of wars, crime, violence, moral depravity, gangs, drugs, and other disturbing things, we need a fresh vision of God on the throne high and lifted up. He still hears and answers prayers. He’s still working out His plan and purpose in the midst of what looks like a world spinning out of control.

You need to Realize who You Are. Verse 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!”* Seeing himself in the presence of God, Isaiah’s undone. God’s holiness shows him his own unholy condition. The problem with many of us today is that we don’t walk according to the Word of God so we seldom get a vision of our own unholiness in the face of God’s holiness.

- We’re corrupted
- We’re Sinful
- We’re In great need

Receive God’s Cleansing. Verses 6-7, *“Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”* Coal is symbolic of Christ’s death on the cross. It represents the cleansing blood of Christ that keeps on cleansing us from all sin.

One day Henry Ford was driving in the Michigan countryside when he came upon a man whose Model T had broken down. The guy was bent under the hood trying to figure what was wrong. Mr. Ford stopped and asked if he could take a look. In a few minutes, he had the car running. The grateful owner said, “I’m amazed at your ability;

you fixed my car so easily.” Ford replied, “I ought to be able to fix it, because I’m the one who designed it.”

The same is true with God—He designed us, and He can fix whatever’s wrong with us. 1 John 1:9 tells us, *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* He alone is able to cleanse us from all sin through what He did on the cross.

You need to:

- Confess your sins realizing how much we do wrong
- Accept Christ’s forgiveness
- Change your life to do what God commands

Respond to God’s Call. Verse 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.”*

- God calls each one of us.
- Need to accept the call.
- Need to get to work.

God’s calling us today. How are we going to respond? Are we first going to ask what it is that God wants us to do, how long it will take, and how much it will cost before we decide whether or not to answer his call? How can we ask those questions when Jesus didn’t ask how long He would have to be gone from His heavenly throne to save us, or how much He would have to suffer to win forgiveness? God’s unconditional love also moves us to unconditional service.

You’re called:

- **Called from Death to Life.** 1 John 3:14. *“We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.”* It’s all based on love like Jesus loved.
- **Called from Darkness to Light.** 1 Peter 2:9, *“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”* Because Jesus brought light to the world, you can live in light!
- **Called to Worship.** John 4:23-24, *“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”* That’s why we come here, to hear, learn, and know!
- **Called to Fellowship.** 1 John 1:7, *“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”* We need to listen to and care for each other. It’s a call to put ourselves out to be Jesus to each other!
- **Called to Serve.** Revelation 7:15, *“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.”*

There are so many others who need to hear and experience the grace and love of God. God boldly asks you who will go and share that with the world. This time, you need to be just like Isaiah and cry out, *“Send me!”*