

Isaiah's Vision

Isaiah 6

Near the beginning of Isaiah's ministry,
God gave him a vision of Himself.
This vision would color
everything Isaiah understood and said
about God and His people.

Uzziah had been one of the country's better kings and
had reigned 52 years.
Most of his subjects had only known this one king
throughout their entire lives.
So his death was a time of
uneasiness and
uncertainty.

At such a time, God allowed Isaiah to see
the one True King,
the absolute ruler of all the universe,
high and exalted,
sitting on a throne.

But since God is spirit,
he doesn't have a body and
thus doesn't literally sit on a throne.

The throne helps us understand that
God is a King.

And the setting suggests that He is
THE King.

Note that though Isaiah says, "I saw the Lord,"
he never physically describes God.

The same is true of other throne-room visions in the Bible.
But what Isaiah sees and hears and senses in God's surroundings
grips him with God's overwhelming
reality and
holiness.

Though physically undescribed,
God is at the center of the picture,
filling and overflowing it.

The train of His majestic robe fills the temple.
The picture of His glory includes
"Seraphim,"

literally, “burning ones”.
With four of their six wings,
they express their humility,
covering their face and feet in God’s presence.
With the other two wings, they stand ready to fly and
do God’s will at a moment’s notice,
The entire building trembles with
their thunderous, unceasing praise.

Isaiah’s response:

“I am ruined...doomed...destroyed!
For I am thoroughly unclean, and
everyone around me is unclean,
yet my eyes have seen
the King,
the Lord of all reality,
the Holy One”.

But Holy God doesn’t drive the unworthy sinner away.

He cleanses him.

He draws him near.

He calls him.

He uses him.

When God needs a messenger,

Isaiah is first in line.

He is eager to share

this magnificent God!

His lips, formerly unclean,

are now privileged to carry

God’s holy word.

Hymn: [Isaiah 6](#)

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