

Isaiah 6

Isaiah 1: *Undone for Ministry*

Captivated ...

I. Awestruck

- A. Magnificent Spectacle
- B. Glorious Vision

II. Undone

- A. The Presence of God
- B. The Crisis of Self

III. Equipped

- A. Isaiah's Daunting Task
- B. Prepared for Service
 - 1. Mind
 - 2. Soul
 - 3. Heart
 - 4. Mouth

IV. Our Majestic Savior

V. The Making of Servants

... Commissioned.

Children, Listen ...

1. Whose glory filled the temple in Isaiah's vision?
2. What are seraphim?
3. Why did they have to cover themselves in the presence of God?
4. What are they calling out to one another?
5. Why is Isaiah "undone"? "And what does the seraph do to help him?"

Fit for Service

We discover in our text at least three indispensable components to genuine faith and a devoted life of service to the Lord. First there is the proper spiritual and experiential grasp of Who God is. It would not be prudent to list all the awe inspiring attributes in this little blurb, but simply reiterating the seraph cry "holy, holy, holy" should sufficiently instill in us the fact that He is glorious beyond measure. Second, we need to see ourselves in light of this majestic God – a realization so exposing our smallness and sinfulness that we can only respond with utter humility; a crisis of self (along with Isaiah) that virtually undoes us. Third, we need to receive atonement for our sins as we are unclean people. We desperately need that which will allow us to live in assurance before a Holy God and, as it were, put us back into commission to serve Him well. We need that fiery coal taken from the altar to take away our guilt and atone for our sin. Isaiah's vision of that points us to Jesus Christ whose death on the cross provides the refining fire of salvation that consumed our guilt and made satisfaction for our sins.

We may not have visions like Isaiah or be called to prophetic service like he was, but like Isaiah we may, by the grace of God in Jesus Christ, be effective servants to Him with minds, souls, hearts and tongues saturated with awe of him and sanctified unto His service.