

Isaiah Lesson – 2: Crisis of Leadership

Isaiah 6:1–13

Memory Verse

Isaiah 6:1 *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.*

Read verses **Isaiah 6:1-13**

The King Is Dead. Long Live the King!

Uzziah's reign was long and prosperous, 52 years “when he had become strong he grew proud, to his destruction” **READ** (2 Chron. 26:1-16). The death of Uzziah in about 740 B.C. marks a major crisis in the leadership of God's people. The death of any absolute ruler makes his/her country vulnerable during a transition of power. But Judah was in special danger, because Tiglath-Pileser III had ascended the throne of Assyria a few years before, in 745 B.C., and immediately went on the warpath. Isaiah's life is sandwiched between the 2 longest reigning kings of Judah, Uzziah and Manasseh.

1. SEE GOD

1 Kings 22:19 (NKJV) *Then Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left.*

I thought Police were the enemy. Building on fire saved baby.

Changed by beholding – Elvis - Baby Duck

Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus

Paul was converted by looking at Jesus

Thief on the cross was saved by looking at the uplifted Christ.

Peter Walking on water, **Moses** said, "Show me your glory".

Through Nature / Evolution / through providence

2 Corinthians 3:18 *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

John 3:14-16 *"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Revelation 4:8 *The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!”*

Isaiah 6:2–3 (NKJV) *Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”*

2. SEE YOURSELF

Isaiah 6:5 *So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone!"*

Job 42:5–6 *“I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You. Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes.”*

- **Black Rainbow**
- **Knowing your naked**
- **VW in the shade.**

Jeremiah 1:6 (NKJV) *Then said I: “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.”*

Exodus 4:10 (NKJV) *Then Moses said to the Lord, “O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.”*

There is a striking contrast between Uzziah and Isaiah. Uzziah thought he deserved holiness and proudly marched into the holy place. Instead he became ritually impure. Isaiah, humbly admitted his weakness and yearned for moral purity, which he received. (Isa. 6:5–7, NRSV).

Luke 18:14, (NRSV) *“for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted”.*

New Personality

“Standing, as it were, in the full light of the divine presence within the inner sanctuary, he realized that if left to his own imperfection and inefficiency, he would be utterly unable to accomplish the mission to which he had been called.”— Prophets and Kings, p. 308.

3. REPENT

Numbers 17:12–13 (ESV) *And the people of Israel said to Moses, “Behold, we perish, we are undone, we are all undone. Everyone who comes near, who comes near to the tabernacle of the LORD, shall die. Are we all to perish?”*

Romans 2:4 (NKJV) *Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?*

2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV) *The Lord is ...longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

- **Frog and turtle**
- **Poppy Smoking Lucky Strikes**
- **An apology should be in proportion to offense**
- **Just One Little Mouse**
- **Sorry enough to stop**

4. **CONFESS**

- **Make a list**
- **Three Preachers fishing**

Isaiah 6:5 *So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because 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."*

'Royal Commission

Isaiah 6:8 *Also 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."*

In New Testament terms, Isaiah would have been called an apostle; that is, "one who is sent."

Appalling Appeal

Isaiah 6:9–10 (NKJV) *And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'"¹⁰*

"Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed."

John 12:41 (NKJV) *These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.*

Isaiah 6:11–13 (NKJV) *Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He answered: "Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant, The houses are without a man, The land is utterly desolate,¹² The Lord has removed men far away, And the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.¹³ But yet a tenth will be in it, And will return and be for consuming, As a terebinth tree or as an oak, Whose stump remains when it is cut down. So the holy seed shall be its stump."*

5. **RECEIVE GOD**

- **Dying of thirst in Atlantic, Amazon nearby**
- **Pushing wheelbarrow across Niagara**

Psalm 116:12–13 *What shall I render to the Lord For all His benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the Lord.*

6. **TO HEAR GOD**

- **George Whitfield**
- **Voice from heaven- at Jesus' Baptism**
- **Fly With Feelings**

John 6:63 (NKJV) *It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

The Holy Spirit gives life to the word, and us ears to hear.

Revelation 2:7 (NKJV) *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*

7. **GO FOR GOD**

- **Dead Sea Galilee**
- **Pull the plug**
 - **Gold miner's faces were shining.**

Somewhere in the Black Hills of South Dakota during the gold rush of 1849, the story is told of two gold miners who struck a particularly rich vein of gold one day. They decided not to tell anyone else, so they could keep it for themselves. They went into town to get better equipment to mine the gold, but when they left, scores of people followed. Their jubilation was written all over their faces.

- **The Magic of Mercy**

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