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Isaiah 6:1-8

- A. Isaiah, the Christmas prophet
 - 1. A virgin shall concieve

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

- A. Isaiah, the Christmas prophet continued
 - 2. His Name shall be called Wonderful

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

- A. Isaiah, the Christmas prophet continued
 - 3. The coming of John the Baptist
- Isaiah 40:3-5
- 3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:
- 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

- A. Isaiah, the Christmas prophet continued
 - 4. The coming death of Christ on the cross
- **Isaiah** 53:4-6
- 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned
- every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

A. Isaiah, the Christmas prophet - continued 5. The millennial kingdom

Isaiah 35:10

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

B. Before these insights, Isaiah needed to be changed

- C. Isaiah lived in desperate times
 - 1. Chapter 1 The wayward nation

Isaiah 1:4

Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

- C. Isaiah lived in desperate times continued
 - 2. Chapter 5 The woes announced
- Isaiah 5:20-23
- 20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
- 21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!
- 22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:
- 23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

Isaiah 6:1-4

- 1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.
- 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.
- 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.
- 4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

- A. Isaiah's vision answers, "What is God like?"
- B. Jesus came to reveal the Father
 - 1. God is all powerful
 - 2. God is all knowing

John 2:24-25

- 24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men,
- 25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.
 - 3. God is eternal

John 8:58

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

- C. But Isaiah had to learn that God is holy
 - 1. Holy, Holy, Holy (6:3)
 - 2. Moses learned that God is holy

Exodus 3:5

And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

C. But Isaiah had to learn that God is holy - continued 3. Jesus, God incarnate, is the greatest example of God's holiness

Luke 1:35

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Holy in His Birth, Holy in His Life, Holy in His Death, Holy in His Resurrection

Revelation 4:8

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

II. A New Awaking Of Christian Conscience Isaiah 6:5-7

- 5 Then said I, 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 mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.
- 6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:
- 7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

II. A New Awaking Of Christian Conscience

- A. Hear Isaiah's conviction "Woe is me!"
- B. Hear Isaiah's confession
 - "I am undone"
 - "I am a man of unclean lips"
 - "I dwell in this midst of a people of unclean lips"
- C. Repentance brings forgiveness (6:6-7)
- D. Awakening needed in these last days
- 1 Timothy 4:1-2
- 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
- 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

II. A New Awaking Of Christian Conscience Matthew 1:21

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

III. A New Concern For The Souls Of Men

Isaiah 6:8

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

- A. The Lord's question, "Whom shall I send?"
- B. Isaiah's response, "Send me"
- C. The message to the shepherds
- **Luke 2:17**

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

God is asking the same question today

What is your answer?