

LESSON OUTLINE, ISAIAH'S CALL

ISAIAH 6:1-12

I. ISAIAH the prophet:

- Greatest of all Hebrew prophets/writers.
- The evangelical prophet. Described in detail the life of Jesus 700 years before He came.
- prophesies for 4 kings in Judah/Jerusalem. Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah
- End of First one, Uzziah, his call. 740 BC,
- Isaiah: Yesha-Yahu, Yesha-Jah, The Lord is salvation. Yeshua-Jah
- Yet failed to win Israel back to God. As God himself did. As Jesus did when he was here...

II. The Kings and the Kingdom:

- **UZZIAH**. 16 yrs old took kingdom from his dad , Amaziah
- **Amaziah** had turned away from God and worshiped false gods. Believed he had a right to do what he wanted because he was king of Judah! Picked a fight with Israel and lost. God will not protect a kingdom that turns its back on Him.
- Uzziah Had reigned 52 years. Sought the Lord, prospered. Fought God's enemies. But like his dad, got strong and forgot God. Proud. Tries to do priests work. Enters the Temple. Told by priests to get out, he gets angry, leprosy breaks out on his forehead. He got out. Leper till his death, son had to be co-regent.
- Judah is headed down. His son learned some good things from him, but grandson ,
- **Ahaz**, turned away altogether.
- 52 years of Uzziah. The nation got used to him being king. Rare longevity. But **he died**. they all do.

III. Isaiah Sees the Lord:

- 6:1 King is dead, but Isaiah **sees the Lord**. Do you? Does our nation? Are we still believing that Obama or Bush or any politician can save us? Our nation is in trouble like Israel. Who will get positioned to where he can see the Lord?
- "But Isaiah was a prophet", Paul says we all can prophesy. Get before God, let him make you holy and then ask him to give you messages from Heaven.
- Seek the Lord. You will see Him by faith. Maybe other ways. He makes prophets of those who seek Him. No need to seek the office, seek Him.
- **sitting on a throne high and lifted up** . Is that the Lord whom you know? False gods today, not very powerful, not very respected, chummy. they do what people tell them to do, ordered around by their creation. Twisting of the faith message until our God becomes nothing more than a genie. Can your god say "No"? If not he is not the God of the Bible, who is a loving Father, who knows how to give good gifts, not just any gifts any time.

- Fear of the Lord is the beginning. First lesson we should be teaching our child is respect. He walked on earth but He is high and lifted up. He lives in our heart but He is high and lifted up. "You are my friends" BUT "if you do what I COMMAND you"
- Peter's response, I am a sinful man, depart from me. He wanted this Jesus but he realized, this man is too holy, way out there... If you are connected to the true God, you will see yourself as poor and hopeless and helpless without God.
- He wants us to be close, but on His terms. We can't take over the relationship with our ideas. Peter: "Jesus, you are not going to die!" " I will not deny you! "
- High and lifted up!
- **and His train** bridal. train of His robes (NKJV) **filled the Temple** This is where Isaiah is.
- What is the clothing of God? Ps 93:1, majesty.strength. ps 104:1, honor. All this and more filled that temple. 90 ft long, 30 ft wide 45 ft high. Every place Isaiah looked all He could see was God's character His Presence. Overwhelming sight.
- This is supposed to be a picture of the church. Paul says church is temple. And we individually are temples. When we get to where we are supposed to be, you won't be able to look at us without seeing God. That's what it is supposed to mean to be filled with the Spirit. Don't keep isaiah in OT. Same God **fills the Temple today**. Train fills the Temple. Christ the head of the Church in Heaven Fills His Body with His Spirit on earth.
- 6:2 **above it** . I think this means above the Throne, for it seems this all takes place inside the Temple.
- **seraphim** "burning ones." "fiery". Of the Jews' 10 rankings of angels, Seraphim are number 5. With Christians they are in first place, some saying they are not angels per se, for angel means messenger, and these creations are praise warriors. Rev 4:6-8 the creations there also have 6 wings and a similar praise message. Many believe that John saw the same seraphim.
- **2 wings cover face** because of the glory of God that cannot be looked upon.
- **2 wings covered feet** representing dirt and therefore God cannot look on them.
- So they can't look at God and God can't look fully on them. Look how different it is with a child of God. Even Moses was allowed to look at some of His glory. II Corinthians 3:18.
- "But we see Jesus" Peter James & John at transfiguration. Rev 22:4, we shall see His face! Ps 34:15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous.
- **6:3 HOLY**. how often is this name applied to God. And the person of God that is to be our personal friend is called the Holy Spirit. Lev 19:2, Rev 4:8 seraphim, holy, holy
- **Lord of hosts**. armies. Commander in Chief. Armies of heaven, earth. Interesting that He created other beings to do the work that needs being done, when He could just as easily do the work Himself, for He is all powerful. He has placed need of us in His own character.
- So God is HOLY, all POWERFUL, OMNIPRESENT
- **whole earth is full of His glory**. The earth as we see it now. "Earth shows his handiwork." Only people fall short of His glory. The earth itself, the creation of God, all works like it is supposed to. Ants. Apes. Birds. Trees. But not us. We need a Savior. That's when we receive the GLORY that we were supposed to have at the beginning.

- Hangs the earth on nothing. Makes it spin & move in a circle around the sun. Job 38:4-30, 39 all, Ps 8:1
- 6:4 2 effects of the voice of one angel. 1. **shakes the foundation posts of the Temple.** 2. **house filled with smoke.** Like in Exodus 40:34-35, I Kings 8:10. Shekinah glory. Cloud as in wilderness. audible, visible, feel-able presence of the Lord. In Exodus, Moses forbidden to enter the tabernacle when it was filled with the glory of God! Here is Isaiah, previewing for us what NT believers can experience.. But his response is negative. In Bible whenever such things happen, the recipient is overwhelmed and afraid.
- Do you still want this? Is this necessary for you to serve the Lord?
- 6:5, in presence of the Lord people feel sinful. My own experiences.
- **Undone** = destroyed, cut off. "damah" cease, cut off, destroy. ruined doomed, lost dead. Ex 33:20, no man shall see me and live. Man is sinful. God cannot fellowship with man in his current state. The remedy has to be applied immediately. Namely, confession and a touch from God. Everyone must have both to enter Heaven.
- In Genesis, you expect to die when you see only an angel, Genesis 32:30, Judges 6:22, 13:22
- Angels cover their eyes (though Isaiah saw the Lord)
- **Unclean lips**, out of heart proceeds all, but culminates in lips
- 6:6-7. Picks **with tongs, but holds in hand, touches the mouth.** Tongue is a world of iniquity. Tongues of fire at Pentecost cancel the tongue of iniquity. James 3:2, Acts 2
- Why coal, how does this take away sin? The coal is taken from the altar (incense, sacrifice). Jesus' sacrifice represented here? Only by a sacrifice can sin be pardoned.
- **your iniquity is taken away, your sin is purged.** 2 things a sacrifice does:1)You don't have sin any more. You are clean, sanctified! 2) what you did is atoned for, forgiven.
- Kaphar, cover over. Literal in Genesis 6:14, ark covered with tar. A sealant. Makes a boat seaworthy. On your own, before Jesus' covering you are in your own leaky vessel, heading down for eternal drowning. Covered by Jesus you will not sink. Blood atonement. Covering. Sins as though never had existed.
- So far Isaiah has seen 1) The Lord 2) Himself and been 3) rescued from death and sin
- But wait! There's more! Isaiah is useful to God!
- **6:8. Whom shall I send, who will go for Us? I'll Go!** Minutes before, a condemned sinner stands before a holy just God. Look at him now. Enlisted in God's Army. Given a commission. Told to GO.
- Angels told to cover their feet. Isaiah is told to use his. And it is Isaiah who says later, how beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news of peace. Talking about his own feet. Paul later says that the very material of the shoes of our spiritual feet is the readiness to preach the Gospel. Part of our armor. You are not fully equipped as a soldier in God's army until you have this constant desire to share the Gospel with someone.
- Isaiah had seen the Lord. Felt the shaking. But it is the Voice that changes the life. The word that he heard is related to the word that we hear in our spirits, whether we ever see anything or feel anything like he felt.
- Actually this word was not spoken to Isaiah. It's just out there. To the seraphim?

- Not, who will go for Me? Look at Gen 1:26. Word of the Lord is still out there. Who will go for God today. God is still looking for volunteers. "Oh I'm waiting for a specific personal invitation." Get busy while you are waiting. Move on the information you already have. Someone next to you is going to hell. Does God have to give you an engraved invitation to speak to that person about their soul? To pray for them? Do what you know to do with all your heart. The position, the place, the specifics will all begin to fill in later... Start ministering on your face before God.
- Don't be surprised if you hear Him call you to serve God outside these 4 walls. Most of the ministry that needs to take place needs to take place out there not in here. Plenty of teachers etc. Go occupy some other city. Plenty of cities to take.
- 6:9 The message/commission. GO. Out of the comfort zone!
- TELL. Specific message for a specific people. Isaiah's message may not work for you. Jonah was told a message of destruction for Nineveh, but had to watch God spare the people because they repented. Nahum preached the same message and destruction actually came. Most of the prophets got no results. Jesus too for that matter. Paul started churches everywhere, as hungry people reached out for His message.
- Maybe you will have to do what Isaiah did, are you willing
- To the unbelieving Jews of his day, Isaiah said, Do not understand!, do not perceive!, do not feel anything!, don't hear anything!, don't see anything!, don't return to me! So negative, these OT guys, right? Jesus is quoted in all 4 Gospels as having used Isaiah's very words to his generation, and Paul said it to the people of his day in the book of Acts. No other verse is quoted so much in the New Testament.
- Response is not, "What!?" But "How Long?". Do what you're told. Isaiah was told to preach until the end comes, not until you finally break through and revival comes. No one is going to hear you, Isaiah, and you are going to die a horrible death. Who is interested in such a job?

Trace Isaiah's prophecies:

- He warned Judah of coming destruction if they did not repent. They did not repent. Destruction came.
- He told Ahaz to ask a sign from God, Ahaz refused and got rebuked by the prophet
- He speaks against all the surrounding Gentile nations, a warning of coming destruction if they did not repent. They did not repent. Where are they now?
- The one exception in the book is hezekiah, the good king of Judah who already loved God and trusted the words of the prophet. His life was extended and during his days, Judah prospered.

So every once in a while you will run into an exception. The people listening today are for the most part exceptions to the general rule of the people of this world who have heard the word of the Lord and are refusing it.

- Who will the Lord send today? Who will go for Him? Who will take on the ministry of Jesus Christ and be faithful in it regardless of who does or does not come?
- This is not an excuse for people to do nothing and then say that it's not their fault if people aren't interested. We are to do everything. Lay down our lives. Pray and cry. And preach and

teach. But even then you may get only that one Hezekiah, who shines a few years and then dies. But the Lord will say to you on that day, it's OK, you were faithful. You did what I told you to do, come on in. Listen for His call today.