

*Just as man's self-exaltation will meet with the reality of its emptiness, Christ's self-humiliation will meet with the reality of His exaltedness—Resurrection is a foregone conclusion!*

### Application

- A. Stand in awe.
- B. Call out to one another as the seraphs did...
- C. Sent in His name with a different message than Isaiah!
  - i. Luke 24:46-47
  - ii. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

### LIVE THE STORY

*We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story, indeed, to have the Central Character live in us.*

- How does Uzziah's leprosy result in a life that pictures well the effects of pride in anyone who does not trust in God?
- Read Colossians 3:16. Have you glimpsed the glory of God in such a way that you talk about it, you sing about it, you instruct one another with it? If not, how might this message help you?
- What contrast do we see between the first line and the last line of this chapter? How does this help us understand God's ultimate answer to the question He poses in 6:8?
- What does it mean to say our first response to Isaiah 6 is to stand in awe of Christ in His glory? What does it mean to look believingly on Him?
- How does Isaiah's question (and its answer) of 6:11 tell us that something more is needed than Isaiah being sent?
- How is our message different than that of Isaiah? How is our commission different than Isaiah's?
- **How might you apply this message in such a way that you don't merely know more about Christ, but know Him more?**

### Whom Shall I Send? Who Will Go For Us?

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Text: Isaiah 6

### Introduction: In the Year that King Uzziah Died

- A. Uzziah provides a living illustration of pride and God bringing down that which is falsely high and exalted.

➤ 2 Chronicles 26:15-16

➤ 2 Chronicles 26:21-23

***Uzziah's leprosy is a picture of the problem of sin. Sin grows from our pride, our trusting in something or someone other than the Lord. It results in isolation both in life and death.***

- B. What do we bring to this text?

- C. God's holiness is most clearly revealed in His humility and love.

### I. The High and Exalted Sovereign on a Throne

- A. An earthly king dies, but **the heavenly king** is still reigning on high.

- B. This scene is about God's Transcendence

*God may be everywhere, but He is not everything. He is high and lifted up! He rules over all.*

C. This scene is about God's Immanence

*God is present and active within his creation. He is a God nearby!*

D. Who is this God who reigns over all and yet is present everywhere in His glory?

- John 12:41

## II. The Response of Creatures to God's Holiness

A. **Sinless seraphs give to the glory of God.** (6:3)

- Colossians 3:16

B. **The doorposts and thresholds shook.** (6:4)

Alec Motyer: *"Shaking is the customary reaction of earth to the divine presence. Concentrated on doorposts and thresholds it specifically prohibits Isaiah's entry to the divine presence, Just as smoke forbids him to see God. The divine nature as such is an active force of total exclusion. Why is this?"*

C. **Isaiah is shaken!** (6:5)

- James 3:9-11
- Isaiah 29:13

## III. The Response of Heaven to Man's Sinfulness

A. **Heaven's Response to Cleanse Isaiah**

- The coal from the altar
- Atoned with a touch.

B. **Heaven's Response to Cleanse Israel**

- "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"*
- Isaiah's Answer:** "Behold, Here am I. Send me!"

**Oswalt:** *Almost all sermons on Isa. 6 conclude with v. 8, probably because of the frankly disturbing character of the remainder of the chapter."*

iii. **Isaiah's Commission** (6:9-10)

C. **Heaven's Answer to Heaven's Question** (6:11-13)

*It is ultimately not Isaiah's answer to the call that saves the people of God from their sin, but Christ's answer to the call that redeems us from our sin.*

- John 3:16-17
- Hebrews 10:8-10
- John 12:23-24, 41