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Isaiah was one of God's great prophets.

God often spoke to Isaiah.

 He told Isaiah to tell God's people that someday a wonderful Savior would come.

- One day God spoke to Isaiah in a vision. A vision is something like a dream.
- In that vision Isaiah saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high up.
- His robe filled the Temple. And above Him were "seraphim".

Seraphim are shining heavenly creatures.

Isaiah saw that each of the seraphim had six wings.

 With two wings he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and he used two to fly.

These wonderful seraphim called to each other.

 One said, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."

 Then another answered, "Holy, holy, holy!"

When Isaiah saw the vision, he was "afraid".
 The vision showed him that God is HOLY.

What does that mean?

 What does the Bible mean when it tells us that God is holy?

 Do you remember the story of Moses – how God let Moses see "just a little" of His glory and afterwards Moses' face shone bright as the sun?

That brightness was a part of God's holiness.
 But God's holiness is much "more" than shining brightness.

- God is "PURE".
- God "NEVER SINS".
- God always does right.
- God is "all" light and glory.
- He is "all" goodness.
- Nothing sinful can even come "near" Him it would be burned away by His holiness.

A side note:

- Jesus is HOLY.
- He NEVER sinned.
- He did not come here to make restitution for His sins but He came for the "sins of the world".
- Jesus has never sinned and will never sin!!
- He is Holy.

- Oh, we just cannot "think" all that God's holiness means.
- The angels and the seraphim "see" it, and they praise Him day and night.
- They sing to Him, and they serve Him.
- But God is "much more" holy than the angels.
 That is why the seraphim covered their faces & their feet.
- That is why they call Him Lord of hosts.....the hosts of angels!!

- If nothing sinful can go to God, how can "we" go to Him?
- When we think how sinful we are compared to God, and how great and holy God is, we do not "dare" go to Him.
- We would not even dare "pray" to Him, if we could see how holy He is.
- But God "wants" us to come to Him. Oh, He is so good to us!

- He told Isaiah not to be afraid. And He tells "us" not to be afraid.
- But He also tells us, in the Bible, that we can go to Him IN JESUS' NAME.
- And we are to go to the Father THROUGH FAITH IN THE SHED BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST!!

- Jesus is HOLY remember? Jesus is God. And Jesus took OUR SIN upon Himself so we could go into God's presence.
- Remember He took little children in His arms
 little sinful children.
- He wanted to bring them to God the Father.

 And we can go to God "today" if we go to Him through faith in the shed blood of Christ in Jesus' Name.

 Because Jesus "died" to take our sins away, to make us "clean", so that even our holy God will let us come to Him.

LET'S PRAY:

- O holy Lord God, You are so very, very great.
- If the angels sing and the mountains tremble, surely we ought to praise You too.
- Oh, we thank You that we may come to You through the shed blood of Jesus Christ in Jesus' Name.
- Then we need not be afraid.

- Forgive our sins, & make us holy.
- Help us to walk in YOUR HOLINESS!!
- Thank You for the holiness You have given us because we are IN CHRIST JESUS.
- Help us to continue to long to walk in holiness.
- In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

- What is a vision?
- What did Isaiah see in His vision? Explain.
- What were the shining heavenly creatures called? How many wings did they have?
- What happened when Isaiah saw the Holiness of God?

- Describe and Talk about God's Holiness.
- If God is so HOLY, how can we come to Him?
- When we humble ourselves and walk towards God in His Holiness, what happens?
- What will God's cleansing cause us to do?

MEMORY VERSE:

Holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. (Isaiah 6:3)

SUGGESTED READING:

- The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.
- Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.
- Let them praise your great and awesome name— he is holy.

- The King is mighty, he loves justice— you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.
- Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.
- Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the LORD and he answered them.

- He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.
- O LORD our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.
- Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

ANOTHER BIBLE STUDY: Isaiah 6:1-8

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A FRESH LOOK (Isaiah 6:1-8) A FRESH LOOK IN THE FACE OF TRAGEDY

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. (v.1)

- It was "in the year King Uzziah died".
- Sometimes someone has to be "out of the picture" for us to see God clearly.
- The people of Israel were too focused on their "king" and not the "King of kings".

A FRESH LOOK AT THE GLORY OF GOD (v.1-4)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. (v.1)

 Although Isaiah was already a prophet of God, he received quite an awakening when he saw this vision of glory.

WE NEED TO SEE WHAT ISAIAH SAW

- Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." (v.2-3)
- The angelic beings in the temple proclaimed the "three times" holy nature of the God of Heaven.

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. (v.4)

 Isaiah saw God's Presence - the "house was filled with smoke" was a symbol of the presence of God.

A FRESH LOOK AT SELF (v.5)

- "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." (v.5)
- Isaiah sensed his own condition and he instantly realized that there were problems within his own heart.

When we get close to God we see God as He is.

- We think all is well in our life until we see the Lord in His glory and holiness.
- Coming face to face with God will produce humility and confession!

A FRESH LOOK AT FORGIVENESS (v.6-7)

Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." (v.6-7)

 Isaiah senses his own cleansing. The Lord does not just point out our sins, He also provides a means for our cleansing! With Isaiah, an angel with a live coal from the altar. With us, the precious blood of Jesus.

 If we ever see God as He is and we see ourselves as we are, then we will come before Him in humility and confess our sins. The closer we get to Him, the worse we look!

 But, when that realization comes, and we deal with it in repentance before the Lord, we will experience His cleansing and we will be able to stand in His presence and receive all He has for us!

A FRESH LOOK AT RESPONSIBILITY (v.8)

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (v.8)

 As soon as Isaiah gets His heart clean, he hears the call of the Lord to service.

 Now Isaiah's life was on the altar of sacrifice for the glory of God!

 We need to submit, surrender and sacrifice to our Holy and Cleansing God (Romans 12:1-2).

• LET'S PRAY: