

# Isaiah's Call and Mission

Isaiah 6:1-13

Isaiah 6:1–7 (HCSB)	Isaiah 6:8–13 (HCSB)
<p><b>1.</b> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, and His robe filled the temple. <b>2.</b> Seraphim were standing above Him; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <b>3.</b> And one called to another: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; His glory fills the whole earth.</p> <p><b>4.</b> The foundations of the doorways shook at the sound of their voices, and the temple was filled with smoke.</p> <p><b>5.</b> Then I said: Woe is me for I am ruined because I am a man of unclean lips and live among a people of unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts.</p> <p><b>6.</b> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, and in his hand was a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. <b>7.</b> He touched my mouth with it and said: Now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed and your sin is atoned for.</p>	<p><b>8.</b> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: Who should I send? Who will go for Us? I said: Here I am. Send me.</p> <p><b>9.</b> And He replied: Go! Say to these people: Keep listening, but do not understand; keep looking, but do not perceive. <b>10.</b> Dull the minds of these people; deafen their ears and blind their eyes; otherwise, they might see with their eyes and hear with their ears, understand with their minds, turn back and be healed.</p> <p><b>11.</b> Then I said, “Until when, Lord?” And He replied: Until cities lie in ruins without inhabitants, houses are without people, the land is ruined and desolate, <b>12.</b> and the Lord drives the people far away, leaving great emptiness in the land. <b>13.</b> Though a tenth will remain in the land, it will be burned again. Like the terebinth or the oak that leaves a stump when felled, the holy seed is the stump.</p>

We read in Isaiah 6 about Isaiah's call to preach to wicked people. As you study this chapter, look for truths that can help us to obey the Lord, even if what He asks us to do is difficult. His call to prophecy about 742 bce coincided with the beginnings of the westward expansion of the Assyrian empire, which threatened Israel and which Isaiah proclaimed to be a warning from God to a godless people.

<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Practical Commentary</b>	<b>Reference Scripture</b>
VV.1-4. Isaiah saw the Lord and identifies the Lord's authority		
V. 5. Isaiah speaks of His uncleanliness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• his lifestyle</li> <li>• his environment</li> <li>• his unholiness</li> </ul>		
V. 6. The holds the key to Isaiah's purification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The growing coal</li> <li>• The altar</li> </ul>		
V. 7. Isaiah's Atonement Process		
V. 8. Isaiah's Call and Acceptance		
VV. 9-10. Isaiah's commission by the Angel		
V. 11-13. Judgment of the Nation		