

HERE I AM, SEND ME!

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The ministry of Isaiah was put on hold until Uzziah the king died. Could it be that some of us cannot give ourselves fully to the Lord because some Uzziah in our lives is still living?

Uzziah was the same king who did well in the eyes of God initially, but soon became lifted up in his heart and offered incense in the Temple which was the priests' duty alone. God struck him with leprosy until he died. "And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land" (2Chron 26:21). Uzziah was king although he was a leper and Isaiah was a prophet although he was a man of unclean lips. This was a time in Israel when the king and prophet were paralyzed by their sins. Could it be that while we call ourselves Christians, pastors etc. in the church, we are actually paralyzed by our sins to be effective for the Lord Jesus Christ? If so, let us not be ashamed today to say to the Lord like Isaiah, "Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

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While everyone maybe paralyzed because of sin or fear, the call to revival and evangelization begins with experiencing the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. What is so great and overpowering that we forget ourselves and our weaknesses? The sight of God high and lifted up. We need a vision of Jesus that is powerful enough to draw us out of the most comfortable of situations and make us leave whatever attachments stick to us like glue. "And they straightway left their nets, and followed him" (Mathew 4: 20). There was something about seeing and hearing Jesus that made Peter and Andrew throw away their nets – the sight of God makes us finally realize the value of everything; all is in the right perspective. Isaiah saw God's train fill the Temple. In ancient days, a victorious king would take the hem of a defeated king and sew it on to his own hem. The more kings he defeated, the longer would be the hem of his garment. In other words, God was declaring to Isaiah and us that we have nothing to fear – all the enemies of the Lord Jesus have been defeated; just go in Jesus name.

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

Eph 1:21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Eph 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth” (Matthew 28:18). Why don’t we say with Isaiah, “Here I am, send me!”

Isaiah 6:2 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.

Seraphim means burning ones. These mighty creatures were burning for the zeal of God. They had six wings but used four of these to cover their faces and feet. Only two were used to fly. Before we rush to do the work of God, we must learn from these holy creatures. The way to honor the Lord Jesus is to first learn to submit and reverence him. “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding” (Proverbs 9:10). May the Lord make us seraphim burning with a holy zeal to declare the glory of God and a people who fear, submit and honor the Lord Jesus Christ!

Furthermore, consider the fact that while the seraphim were so majestic and full of zeal, they could not answer “Here I am, send me!” Angels don’t know what it is to be a human being – to be vulnerable, to become sick and experience pain and, sadly, to suffer from the effects of sin that afflicts the soul. Above all, angels cannot know what it means to be delivered from sin by the liberating power of the Lord Jesus Christ. Only a human being could answer the call of God, and that human being was Isaiah. Is God speaking to you today? Please answer his call! The man with the legion of demons was not allowed to join the Lord and his Apostles because they all knew about the glory of Jesus. He was sent to his people as a witness.

Mark 5:19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

Mark 5:20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

Next, we read in the vision of Isaiah that the seraphim called unto one another. “And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory (Isaiah 6:3). We who are sent by the Lord to declare his glory must constantly remind one another about the holiness and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is why we are

here in yet another conference – we cannot and will not get tired of declaring the holiness and glory of the Lord to each other also. While the Lord Jesus healed and miraculously fed thousands in Israel, he also regularly reminded the Apostles about his identity and glory.

Mat 16:16 *And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

Mat 16:17 *And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*

Matt 17:1 *And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,*

Matt 17:2 *And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.*

Failure to engage in this all-important act of reminding one another of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ was the main reason Lucifer fell into sin. If one admires and glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ, one cannot lift himself or herself up at the same time.

Isa 14:12 *How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*

Isa 14:13 *For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:*

Isa 14:14 *I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*

Isa 14:15 *Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.*

Reading the Bible, we notice that King Saul appeared to worship God mostly when the prophet Samuel gave him instructions to join the company of prophets or when he desperately needed to hear from God. David, on the other hand, needed no one to tell him to worship and glorify God. He was a man after God's own heart. There are seraphim right now shouting "Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3). Let us never stop shouting together with them while God sends us out to be witnesses of his glory. Notice, the seraphim declare the glory of God fills the earth. In other words, once we go to the ends of the earth and speak about Jesus, his glory is already there to bless our words and persuade unbelievers. Remember the train of the Lord fills the Temple- - his glory covers the earth. Everyone with any disease or sin can reach out and touch the hem of his Jesus' garment. It is long enough and near enough to everyone who cares to stretch out their hands.

Isa 11:9 *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

Hab 2:14 *For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

Shall we go for Jesus? Shall we renew our commitment to go for him today? “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” (Isaiah 6:6). Isaiah was already a prophet, but his lips were unclean. Now, however, after he said yes to the call of God, the fire from God’s altar, the altar of Christ’s sacrifice on Golgotha, purified him. Jesus sends his Holy Ghost fire in our souls and our lips. Our conscience will not condemn us now. Jesus enables us to speak freely for him. Let us say together, “Here we are, send us, Lord!”