Isaiah 6 ● Upward, Inward, & Outward

1. (v.1-4) ***Upward***
   1. Who is on the throne? **Jesus**.
   2. What does the “train of His robe” represent? His **authority**.
   3. What do the heavenly beings teach us? Ministry is equal parts of right **worship** and a right **relationship**.
   4. What is the evidence of a right ministry? The **unity** of its ministers.
   5. What is the object of a right ministry? To bring everything into agreement with God’s **holiness**.
   6. What does the smoke represent? Our **prayer**.
   7. What was the result of Isaiah’s looking upward? He acknowledged the **sovereignty** and **authority** of Christ, and was comforted by the reality that Christ is **firmly** **in** **control**.
2. (v.5-7) ***Inward***
   1. What happens when someone has a TRUE encounter with Christ? They simultaneously become acutely aware of Christ’s **authority** and their own **sin**.
   2. “Unclean lips” is the tangible evidence of an unclean **heart**.
   3. What does the altar represent? Christ’s **sacrifice** to purify us from uncleanness.
   4. How does God convey the power and message of His sacrifice? Through **messengers**.
   5. What was the result of Isaiah’s looking inward? He had to face the reality of his **spiritual** **condition** and his need for a **Savior**.
3. (v.8-13) ***Outward***
   1. What happens to someone that has a genuine, spiritual encounter with Christ? Rather than seek to extend the **experience**, they’re motivated to go out and **serve**.
   2. What motivates God’s servants? They know Christ is on the **throne**. This is called “**faith**”.
   3. What could Isaiah now see that he couldn’t see before? The **needs** of **others** as **Christ** saw them.
      1. First comes recognition of Christ’s **sovereignty**.
      2. Next comes recognition of the personal need for the **Savior**.
      3. Finally comes recognition of others’ need for the **Savior**.
   4. What is remarkable about all of God’s messengers? They have all been **changed** by the very **message** they bear.
   5. The 3 stages of those who reject the message are:
      1. They **WOULD** NOT believe. (Jn. 12:37)
      2. They **COULD** NOT believe. (Jn. 12:39)
      3. They **SHOULD** NOT believe. (Jn. 12:40)

***Overall***: The example of Isaiah is being transformed from a **spectator** to a **participant**.