

Isaiah: A Prophet for Our Time
Encountering a Holy God
Isaiah 6:1-13

We all have a story to tell. If we compared autobiographies, some would be more interesting than others. Some would offer more excitement and adventure than others. Some would offer considerably more drama than others. Each of the stories would be different. They would all be told in ways that are as diverse as the personalities being described. Every story would be different, but for every follower of Jesus, every story would have something in common. Every story would contain life-changing encounter with a holy God.

1. The encounter begins with confrontation.
2. The encounter leads to conviction.
3. The encounter incites confession.
4. The encounter results in conversion.
5. The encounter mandates consignment.

Isaiah calls us to a heavenly worship of a glorious God, to join our voices with those of the angels and worship the One who is worthy of our worship. The universe is filled with the glory of God, and we are reminded that God, in His freely offered salvation, fills us with His glory so that we might share it with others. Who will go to the ends of the earth to proclaim the gospel? May we as His church be faithful in that mission mandate. May we be good stewards of the resources provided and may we be obedient servants in the proclamation of the gospel of Christ.

Reflection

How does the stability of the reign of King Jesus on His heavenly throne give us confidence, even in the midst of political instability? How can we see the Lord high and lifted up? How would such a vision fuel our worship? What is the significance of the fact that the seraphim are sinless yet still covered their faces before the Lord? Why should we think that holiness is the most important attribute of God? What effect did this awesome scene have on Isaiah? How should a proper contemplation of the holiness of God result in a humble awareness of our own sin? In what way is the call of Isaiah unique, and in what way is it a pattern for all who come to know Christ as Savior and Lord? In what ways does the message of Isaiah 6 speak into your heart and life? Is there anything that you think God wants you to understand or do differently as a result of your encounter with a holy God?