

SUMMER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2017
THEME – RESPONDING TO THE MASTER’S CALL AS A PROPHET
UNIT II – CALLING OF PROPHETS

**“ISAIAH’S COMMITMENT TO ANSWER THE CALL AND
STAND AS GOD’S REPRESENTATIVE”**



Sunday School Lesson No. VI – July 9, 2017

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Lesson Text:	Isaiah 6:1-8
Required Reading:	Isaiah 6
Motto Texts:	Isaiah 6:8, “Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.”
Reliable Resources:	Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Standard Lesson Commentary; Logos Bible Software; Precepts for Living (UMI); Cruden’s Concordance; Bible Notes by H. L. Wilmington

Introduction

The eighth century was a very busy time in the life of the Nation of Israel. The northern kingdom was degenerating because of its sins. Kings were being replaced with regularity and finally, in 721 B.C., it fell to the Assyrians. In the southern kingdom of Judah, God was showing mercy, but eventually after over a hundred years of grace, it fell captive to the kingdom of Babylon.

But what was God doing while His covenant people languished and lived in their sin? He was raising prophets to speak to them on His behalf. During this time, He raised Amos and Hosea in the Northern kingdom of Israel and Isaiah and Micah in the south.

Our focus this week will be on Isaiah the son of Amoz and his commitment to stand as God’s representative! This courageous man of God writes most extensively about the true God and his Son our Saviour, the salvation of His prophetic people, and Satan.

But what led this prophet to be so committed to the Lord? Let us examine this week’s lesson which I have entitled “Isaiah’s Commitment to Answer the Call and Stand as God’s Representative.”

The **Anticipated Power Points** of the lesson:

- **The Awesomeness of God’s Sovereignty. Isaiah 6:1-4**
- **The Acknowledgment of Isaiah’s Sins. Isaiah 6:5**
- **The Acceptance of God’s Cleansing and Sanctification. Isaiah 6:6-7**
- **The Availability of the Prophet for God’s Service. Isaiah 6:8**

Scripture Challenge: Psalm 51:10, “Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”

LESSON PRESENTATION

I. The Awesomeness of God’s Sovereignty. Isaiah 6:1-4

At the death of King Uzziah, one of Judah’s greatest kings, Isaiah, like the nation, was saddened. This king reigned over 50 years and gave the kingdom great stability. (Read about him in II Chronicles 26). But God used the death of Uzziah to refocus the eyes of Isaiah and the kingdom of Judah. Though their earthly king had died, their sovereign Lord and King Jehovah was unmatched in sovereignty and awesomeness! Note these truths that were revealed to Isaiah concerning the awesome God:

A. His seat. vs. 1

High and exalted, unmatched and unchallenged; no one above His authority.

B. His skirt. vs. 1

“His train” represents the extension of His royal robe to the hem of His garment. It means that which “hangs down.” The entire Temple was totally filled with His exalted presence; no room for anyone or anything else!

C. His Seraphim. vs. 2

These were a special class of angelic beings. It appears that they were entrusted with maintaining the holy presence around God’s throne and acting or serving at His uttermost call! They had three sets of wings.

1. Two wings to veil their faces, demonstrating reverence. (Read Abraham’s reference in Genesis 17:3; Moses’ reverence in Exodus 3:6; Elijah’s reverence in I Kings 19:13). No one with an ounce of sense would even think of looking upon the Lord!

2. Two wings to veil their feet, which pointed to their lowliness or total unworthiness to stand in God’s presence.

3. Two wings to fly, showing their total willingness and availability to serve the Lord!

D. Their shout. vs. 3

The seraphim cried out “Holy, Holy, Holy” in antiphonal worship and praise. One might see the presence of the Triune God! The expanse of His glory and authority totally fills the earth. Again, no room for any rivals!

E. The shaking and smoke. vs. 4

Totally engulfs and shakes the foundation of the Temple with the presence of God. (No wonder Isaiah was moved towards commitment.)

II. The Acknowledgment of Isaiah’s Sins. Isaiah 6:5

The presence of the Lord sparked the prophet to have an inlook and outlook. (Read David’s confession: Psalm 51:2-7; Proverbs 15:3; Psalm 139:7-12)

III. The Acceptance of God’s Cleansing and Sanctification. Isaiah 6:6-7

One of the seraphim maintaining the presence of God’s holiness touches Isaiah’s lips with a coal from the brazen altar of sacrifice, which symbolizes redemption and forgiveness, speaks to him and declares God’s mercy and grace upon him. (We must remember that repentance carries a great and painful cost. Jesus paid it all at Calvary.)

IV. The Availability for God’s Service. Isaiah 6:8

Now that Isaiah has experienced the Awesomeness of God, Acknowledged his own Sins, and Accepted God’s Cleansing Sanctification, he is Available for Service. Without any hesitation, he reports for duty in God’s service to go and do whatever God desires! Beloved, he is totally committed to stand as God’s representative!

CLOSING

Are you prepared to stand as God’s committed representative? He is looking for someone just like you!

“The Lord has need of workers, to till His field today.

So kindly He has led me to walk in wisdom’s way.

I pray for grace to help me with all my heart to say,

‘O Blessed Saviour Count on Me!’”

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Jeremiah 1:4-10

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