



June 16

Passage: Isaiah 6

What's up guys! Happy Tuesday. Before reading today pray that God will prepare your heart to receive his word and message to you.

## **READ & DIG.    Read Isaiah 6**

### **Isaiah Called (vs. 1-7)**

You may read this and have a couple of questions like, what in the world is a Seraphim? Simply put it is an angelic being with great importance and in vs. 2 he tells us that they have six wings.

In these first seven verses we see Isaiah's account of his calling to be a prophet by God. Isaiah is in the temple and has a vision of God sitting on the throne in heaven. The Seraphim cries Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts. When we see Holy stated three times like this it is to emphasize how God is above all and is set apart from all else. Then the seraphim comes to cleanse Isaiah with a burning coal. This is a symbol of cleansing and preparing Isaiah for the calling and the message he is about to receive. Isaiah realized that he was unworthy of being in the presence of the Lord God and his sin was made known to him greatly in that moment and realized his need to be made clean. The burning coal did just that.

Then we get this great scene... God asks "Who shall I send" and Isaiah's response is "Here I am! Send me!" What an awesome and obedient response from Isaiah. No arguing, no questioning, no hesitation! He immediately gives himself to the calling of the Lord before he even knows what all it involves. My prayer and your prayer should be that we respond to the calling on the Lord on our lives in the exact way that Isaiah did.

### **God's Message (vs. 8-13)**

After Isaiah obediently responds to God's calling, God gives him the message he wants him to deliver to the people. This message isn't a good message is it? It is a message of misery and destruction. He tells Isaiah that he is going to make it to where their ears are closed, their eyes are closed to God. God has given them time and time again to repent and turn to him and they have refused. Now he will judge them in this way and ultimately cause destruction to them.

## **Apply & GO**

Now let's see how we can put this to practice in our own lives. Like I said earlier, our prayer right now needs to be that we are actively seeking the will of God with our lives and obediently responding to the calling of God on our lives. Now we probably won't be called to be a prophet in the way Isaiah was, but we are called to be a deceiver of the good news of Christ which is in itself a prophet of sorts. This calling could be to tell someone at school about Christ... it could be that you are to serve in a new ministry in the church or it could be that you are called to go to a country you have never heard of on a lifelong mission trip. No matter how small or how large the calling may seem to be, we are to be obedient no matter what. That is my prayer for my own life and I hope is the prayer for your life as well as a follower of Jesus Christ.