

# Heaven and Earth Overlap – Isaiah 6:1-13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one cried to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts;  
The whole earth *is* full of His glory!”

<sup>4</sup> And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> So I said:

“Woe *is* me, for I am undone!  
Because I *am* a man of unclean lips,  
And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;  
For my eyes have seen the King,  
The LORD of hosts.”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth *with it*, and said:

“Behold, this has touched your lips;  
Your iniquity is taken away,  
And your sin purged.”

<sup>8</sup> Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:

“Whom shall I send,  
And who will go for Us?”

Then I said, “Here *am* I! Send me.”

<sup>9</sup> And He said, “Go, and tell this people:

‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand;  
Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’

<sup>10</sup> “Make the heart of this people dull,  
And their ears heavy,  
And shut their eyes;  
Lest they see with their eyes,  
And hear with their ears,  
And understand with their heart,  
And return and be healed.”

<sup>11</sup> Then I said, “Lord, how long?”

And He answered:

“Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant,  
The houses are without a man,  
The land is utterly desolate,

<sup>12</sup> The LORD has removed men far away,  
And the forsaken places *are* many in the midst of the land.

<sup>13</sup> But yet a tenth *will be* in it,  
And will return and be for consuming,  
As a terebinth tree or as an oak,  
Whose stump *remains* when it is cut down.  
So the holy seed *shall be* its stump.”

**Open:** When you have come face-to-face with an important person, how have you responded?

→What words in the passage need to be explained for you?

1. When does this vision take place? (v. 1)
2. What does Isaiah see? (vv. 1-2)
3. What do the seraphim say? Who are they speaking to? (v. 3)
4. What happens in response? (v. 4)
5. How does Isaiah respond to what he sees? (v. 5)
6. What does the Seraphim do? (vv. 6-7)
7. What does Isaiah hear in v. 8?
8. How does he respond?
9. How does the voice outline Isaiah’s duties? (vv. 9-10)
10. What question does Isaiah ask? (v. 11)
11. What is the answer to the question? (vv. 11-13)

## Apply

- If you came face-to-face with God, how do you think you would respond?
- Could you respond like Isaiah in v. 5?
- This passage is full of difficult sayings; how do these change your understanding of God?

*God’s sphere and ours are not far apart, and that at certain places and moments they interlock.*

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