

FAVORITE BIBLE CHAPTERS Lesson 22

Isaiah 6

In this chapter, Isaiah has his ministry transformed as he comes face to face with God in a marvelous vision. Isaiah is the chief of all the prophets.

To him was given more clearly a view of the future than to any other prophet. He mentions the virgin birth in chapter 7, the coming of Christ to the earth in chapter 9, and the cross in chapter 53.

He is the most important of all of the prophets; consequently, before his ministry begins, God gives him an unusual calling through a vision in the sixth chapter. Let us notice this vision.

I. THE VISION CAME IN THE YEAR THAT KING UZZIAH DIED. Isaiah 6:1.

1. Isaiah was very _____ to the king. The king was his ideal. The untimely death of the king came as a shock to Isaiah.

2. No doubt this _____ led him to see the Lord. In our trials, disappointments and heartaches, we should see the Lord.

3. Every event of life that brings us _____ should cause us to search ourselves and gain spiritual growth therefrom.

II. THE FIRST PREPARATION FOR HIS MINISTRY WAS TO SEE THE LORD.

1. This is the most important thing in anybody's _____ for Christ. There needs to be a revival of real, intimate, personal fellowship between the Christian and his Saviour.

2. The Lord is simply saying, "Isaiah, before you do anything _____ for Me, you must first see Me."

III. THE VISION IS WRAPPED AROUND THREE WORDS: "WOE," "LO," AND "GO."

The word "woe" is in verse 5; "lo" is in verse 7; and "go" is in verse 8. Let us notice these three words.

1. "Woe." Verse 5, When Isaiah saw the Lord, he said, "Woe is me!" not "Woe is my neighbor," not "Woe is somebody else," but "_____!"

A. When he compared himself with the Lord, he realized his own _____.

B. When we walk with men, we exalt _____. When we walk with God, we exalt _____ and humble ourselves. When we compare ourselves with men, we become proud. When we compare ourselves with God, we become humble.

2. "Lo." Notice verses 6 and 7, The altar mentioned in verse 6 is the _____ altar where the lamb was slain on coals of fire.

A. One of the coals was taken and placed upon the lips of Isaiah. It _____ him. Notice first, it cleansed his _____.

B. Then Isaiah was cleansed, and his iniquity was taken away. No one can do _____ for God until he is cleansed.

Notice the progression here. Isaiah saw the Lord; he then saw his own weakness; he then was cleansed. God will not use dirty vessels.

3. "Go." Verse 8, We have seen the "woe"—a _____ of ourselves and exalting of Christ; the "lo"—a _____ from our sins; and now we are ready to "_____."

Again notice the progression. We see the Lord, we humble ourselves, we are cleansed of our sin, and now we are ready to go.

God needs people. He needs people to serve Him and to do His work. If we become such people, we must see the Lord, we must realize our own weakness, we must be cleansed of our sins, and we must go to do His work.

IV. THE LORD TELLS ISAIAH THE PEOPLE TO WHOM HE IS TO GO. Isaiah 6:9-12.

1. The people who do not _____. Isaiah 6:9b.

2. The people who do not _____. Isaiah 6:9c.

3. The people with spiritual _____. Isaiah 6:10. Notice the words, "and be healed."

4. The people headed for _____. Isaiah 6:11.

5. The people who have _____ the Lord. Isaiah 6:12.