

"In the year that King Uzziah died . . ." Feb 21, 1937 (three pages)

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Isa. 6:1 "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.".... The vision of Isaiah which he saw when in the Temple in the year king Uzziah died. If you have read Israelitish history you will know Uzziah was king of Israel and died of leprosy. Shortly before this vision king Uzziah had been buried and Jotham, his son, had become king of Israel and God had complained very bitterly as concerning the acts of His people toward Him and their sin as it piled upon heaps, as it were, before the Lord.

In Chapter I the Father God is speaking to Israel and saying, "The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider." They do not consider that which I have wrought for them. With the pleading of the Spirit of God through the Prophet He says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. The marvelous mercy and love of God, while He warns men and nations and people everywhere; warning them through the mouth of His prophets and servants everywhere throughout the world, yet after the warning He ends up with a marvelous promise to every man and to every woman that will repent of their sin and get right with God and will see in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ that by which he may be saved.

Isaiah, the Prophet, was a man just like we are. Sometimes when we get our eyes on the Prophets of God we think they were super-men and not heirs to frailties that ordinary men are, but I want to say to you that all of God's Prophets have been men that were subject to the ills that come upon men. But they were men that have seen the light of God's favor and God's wonderful truth, and the Spirit of God has come upon them in such a way that they were ready to pour out their very life that men and women might be saved and born of God.

One day Isaiah went up into the Temple just like you and I go to Bethel Temple. We don't go there to have a good time in a natural sense or to meet our friends or to spend a little time in natural gossiping. We go there to the house of God to pray and study His Word and to read and learn and understand the things of God and those conditions in the last days and things that pertain to the well-being of our soul and spirit. Isaiah went up into the Temple and like thousands of men in those days they went on to Mt. Zion. They loved it and loved to see all the furnishings of that magnificent place. They loved to see the ministry of the Sanctuary going on and see the little lambs as they were brought before the Priest in all the simplicity and they would see the knife go into the throat and the blood spurt out and be carried into the Sanctuary and sprinkled there for the sins of men that they might go free. Isaiah went up to pray.

It would be a wonderful thing if God's people could know that everyone of them have a temple: "Know ye not that your bodies have become the temple of the Holy Ghost." Sometimes we are not mindful of the fact that we have become the temple of the Living God; lively temples in the lively sanctuary of the lively heart and soul and spirit of mankind, and yet all builded together into one great spiritual house by the Holy Ghost that in the last days will be apparent to all the world. It is a wonderful thing to have holy worshipping within yourself. It is a marvelous thing to walk through the streets of Seattle and yet all the time your eyes are not upon the things for sale; not upon the attractions in that great department store, but in your heart is something rising and falling like the tides of the sea...the Spirit of God welling up within your soul. Many times I have walked through those stores and would see those vast audiences of people going from place to place and I would marvel that men and women could become so interested in natural things when God has given us the most magnificent temple in the world.

Solomon's Temple was a marvelous structure; the most marvelous workmanship was on that temple. Everything was symbolic of something that God was doing or would do by and by for his people and yet that temple was not to be compared with the marvelous thing God has set up in us. Isaiah went to the Temple and suddenly the Glory of the Lord opened up before him. He saw the Lord seated on His Throne and His train filled all the Temple and Courts and He was attended by servants and by those marvelous companies of all the blood-washed Saints. And Isaiah looked and saw the burning glory of Almighty God. It is a wonderful thing to get a vision; a marvelous thing to go up to the Temple. Thank God you don't have to go to Jerusalem or Bethel Temple daily in order to receive the touch and marks of God's divine favor. But it is a wonderful thing to go to church and make one of the congregation that work hard in spreading the Gospel.

Isaiah went up and saw into the forbidden Glories. Never had that sacred veil been torn aside that the Throne of God might be seen by man on the outside, except by one man whose heart was weighted down with the burden of God and whose mouth and lips had been anointed by the Holy Ghost with that living, burning fire that destroys sin. Isaia was a man and as he prayed, the veil of that Temple seemed to part and he looked into the inner sanctuary of the Holiest of all and beheld the Glory of God. He cried out in fear and said he was a man of unclean lips, unholy and so were his people and he cried before God that he was a man unfit to stand in the presence of the brightness and Glory that burned before him.

And Friends, don't you know that men and women have to get in a certain place before God, before they can begin to realize their sin; to realize that, in spite of all the niceness of the environment in which they live and move and the morality of their lives, that after all, in the flesh and blood of everyone of us there is sin and you have to get somewhere close to the Throne of God before we can realize that awful thing that interferes with the operations within your heart and mine. That is what happened to Isaiah; he got close to God.

Have you ever prayed yourself into God's secret place? Into a place where the Glory has been revealed to you and you have seen the burning Brightness of that Being we worship or have you lived your life and gone to formal church attendance? There is a place close to God that will bring you to your knees in a way you have never been brought to your knees before. Men and women can pray today in Seattle in Feb. 1937 and can pray themselves into the presence of Almighty God and the moment they get into that presence, the first thing they realize is that sin is a part of their nature and a great cry rises up from the depths of their being, "I am a man of unclean lips."

As Isaiah, the Priest, stood in the Glory of that Light of God, one of these Seraphim came to him. These were the same creatures that stand before the Throne of God in the Book of Revelation; those four Living Creatures; those four marvelous Beings that once lived on earth and carried God's message and lifted up His standard. Isaiah saw their six wings and in the book of Revelation 4 you will find Living Ones as having six wings. Behind them are 24 Elders. $4 \times 6 = 24$. 24 Elders, showing you that the Living Ones and the 24 Elders are the same; all Ministers of the Gospel of God that have lived on earth and been washed in the blood of Jesus, and made every whit whole. One of these Seraphims reached out and took the Golden Tongs and lifted a coal from the Altar of God. He went to the Priest and touched his lips and said, "Thy sin is purged; thy transgression is covered." Did you know, it is the joy of God's heart to apply the purifying fire of grace to your heart. Did you know, Heaven is a real place and angels are real, and the Living Ones are real, and the Elders are real, and today the Spirit of God is waiting to apply that burning coal of Eternal purification not only to the lips of men, but to the hearts of men and to make them clean and pure from their sin. May God breathe upon our hearts tonight a Spirit that will come against sin; a Spirit that will bring the revelation within us of a great hunger for the purity and holiness of Almighty God.

Oh, as I think of what we ought to be and consider what we are! When I realize that our inner heart and spirit must be purified under the touch of God and how beautifully clean we can be when we walk with God. When I consider our homes and what a sanctuary of holiness they ought to be and then remember sometimes what they are ... instead of being consecrated to God in a burning desire for the souls of men. The word "revival" slides off our tongues and doesn't mean anything to us. When we really want a revival it will be when we really pray and wait on God. When we are doing our best and doing the thousands things necessary to be done, there will be a cry going up from our heart like incense rising before the presence of God ... "LORD SEND A REVIVAL".

When the Priest had been touched by this live coal, in the far distance of Eternity, he heard the voice of God crying, "Who will go and whom shall I send?" In a moment there burst out of the heart and lips of the Priest, "LORD, HERE AM I. SEND ME." Men don't want to go and carry God's word and message until their whole being is burned by the fire of the Holy Ghost

God can't use man until the moment you get to God and get rid of your sin and hear the voice of God calling you to service. That is what God is looking for in these last days; young men and young women and elders and who-so-ever will. Thank God for that word. It is a wonderful thing God has done for us through Jesus Christ and when the Spirit of God comes upon you to purify your heart and apply purification of the Holy Ghost to your being, the first thought of your heart will be, "LORD, HERE AM I. SEND ME." In my experience, people have come to me and others write me letters who have felt the call of God. When the Spirit of God comes on you, you have got to catch the vision of God's wonderful Glory. Ever man that God has ever used and continued to use down to the end of his life, has caught the vision and glory and power of God.

Beginning with Abraham, God showed him a city. From that time Abraham was always looking for a city .. "I am going to find and dwell in that city in due time," as God opened up the Glory of that city.

One day Moses was walking in the plains and suddenly a bush burst into a flame of fire. He thought it strange and as he watched it, it burned and burned but was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside and find out why it is not consumed." Suddenly the voice of God came out of the burning flame and said, "**Moses, take** the shoes from off thy feet for the place where thou art standing is **holy ground.**" Moses never got past that vision. To the last day of his life he was sold out to the glory of God.

After Isaiah received that vision he could no longer refrain from utterance. He poured out, on Israel, prophecy after prophecy. Step by step and year by year the prophecies unfolded until they were all wonderfully fulfilled. In the very beginning of Isaiah's prophetic ministry God said, "Ask for a sign in the heights above or the depths beneath." The thing was so wonderful to **King Ahaz** he would not ask for a sign but the Lord said He would give him a sign, "The Lord shall bear himself a son and call Him, Immanuel." In the birth, the death, and the resurrection of the Son of God, Isaiah wrote it in his book because he saw the glory of God. If you will pray yourself into the presence of God you don't need to worry about back-sliding. Let God reveal Himself to you and back-sliding will be the last thing you will have in your heart. All you will be interested in will be in sliding forward and going on deeper every day with God. The reason we hear so much about back-sliding is because folks have not prayed themselves into that place where they have an "anchor to the soul". Isaiah caught the vision and one day, **little Mary**, suddenly, saw the presence of Gabriel who began to recite to her the mystery of the Incarnation. Simeon said, "A sword shall pierce through thine own soul also."

John, on the Isle of Patmos, caught the vision and said, "Little children love one another." The Apostle John, who leaned on the bosom of Christ, died saying, "Little children love one another." Then there is Paul; he caught the vision on the road to Damascus and soon there shined about him the same light that shined about Isaiah and in a moment the heart of that man was changed and he said, "Lord, who art thou?" And he heard a voice saying, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." And Paul said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

You look into the presence of the Lord and you will want to do something. You will not be satisfied with living in your house and going to your little church. You will want to do something that will stir the hearts of men. Always there will be that cry, "Here am I; send me."

As I look over the world I realize my hands are tied in one sense -- financially I cannot do the things I want to do, when I see the world dying in its witch-craft and hear the stories of those who live among these things and have nothing but fellowship of devilism day by day. Oh, my God, here we are in the United States sitting at our ease in Zion. They tell me I should have \$50.00 each month for every missionary that goes out. I don't believe **they** promised Paul \$50 a month. I want to be Apostolic and get back to the way of doing things as the early church did, when they went ahead in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, like we have in Bethel Temple, letting them go and doing for them everything we could do. In all the twenty years they have been going and coming God has supplied every need. I would never **sell** out to any denomination that would offer me a salary to go as a missionary. I would go in the name of the Lord and trust God, like those of old and ten thousands of others ^{without} have trusted Him. The great mass of those accomplishing things for God are those who went out ^{without} a thing from anyone but God.

The call of God is out to you; to the folks in this congregation in Bethel Temple. instead of sitting around and letting days and years slip by, something must be done to win the souls of men. We have got to pray that God will open up greater avenues of soul winning. Pray yourself into the place where you catch the vision and your spiritual sight will never dim and that urge that comes into your soul will never die and God will make you a fruitful branch on the vine and and make you a winner of the souls of men. Wait on God until the Glory burns in your soul. God worked in me that holy persistence to never let go of God.

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