

# Isaiah 6

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## Isaiah's Commission

(Matthew 13:10–17; Mark 4:10–12; Acts 28:16–31)

**1**In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. **2**Above Him stood the seraphim; each one had six wings: with twain he covered his face and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

**3**And one called unto another, and said: Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory.

**4**And the posts of the door were moved at the voice of them that called, and the house was filled with smoke.

**5**Then said I: 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 mine eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.

**6**Then flew unto me one of the seraphim, with a glowing stone in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar; **7**and he touched my mouth with it, and said: Lo, this hath touched thy lips; And thine iniquity is taken away, And thy sin expiated.

**8**And 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.'

**9**And He said: 'Go, and tell this people: Hear ye indeed, but understand not; And see ye indeed, but perceive not.

**10**Make the heart of this people fat, And make their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they, seeing with their eyes, And hearing with their ears, And understanding with their heart, Return, and be healed.'

**11**Then said I: 'Lord, how long?' And He answered: 'Until cities be waste without inhabitant, And houses without man, And the land become utterly waste,

**12**And the LORD have removed men far away, And the forsaken places be many in the midst of the land.

**13**And if there be yet a tenth in it, it shall again be eaten up; as a terebinth, and as an oak, whose stock remaineth, when they cast their leaves, so the holy seed shall be the stock thereof.'