

Gripped by the Holiness of God

Isaiah 6:1-13



1. The Setting

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King at age 16.

Ruled for 52 years.

The second golden age of Israel.

He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord.

When he died, the nation was plunged into uncertainty.

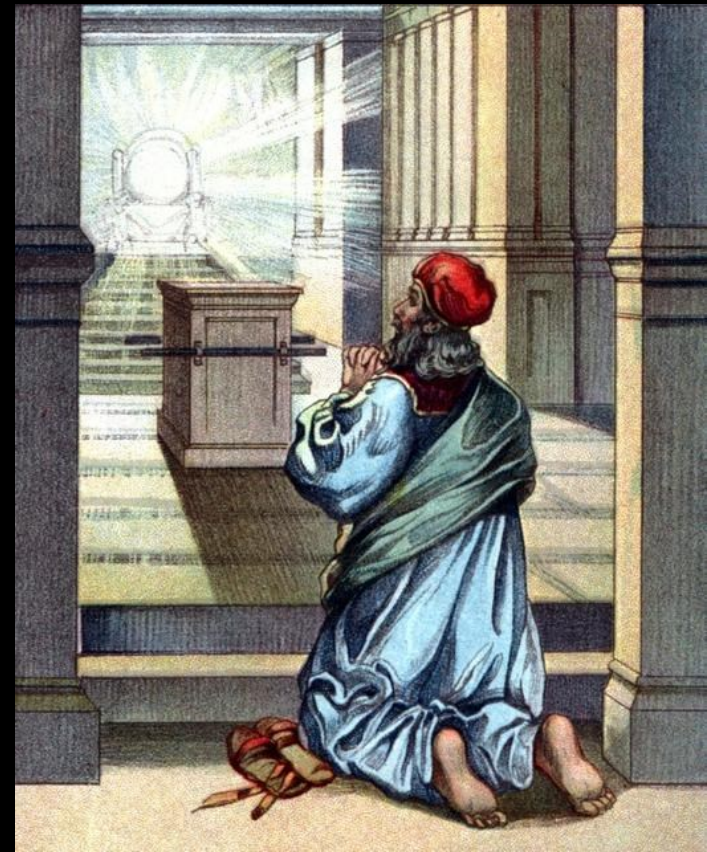
The Assyrians were threatening





2. The Focus of Worship

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying – Isaiah 6:1-2.





The Results of Encountering God

I. Encountering God leads to Worship

*And they were calling to one another:
"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD
Almighty; the whole earth is full of his
glory." At the sound of their voices
the doorposts and thresholds shook
and the temple was filled with smoke
– Isaiah 6:3-4.*



Holy means

to be set apart.

utterly pure, separated from sin.

Implication

holiness and sin cannot coexist



Worship means:

to admire God,
to bow down,
to reverence,
to kiss the hand of,
to ascribe worth to,
to thank.



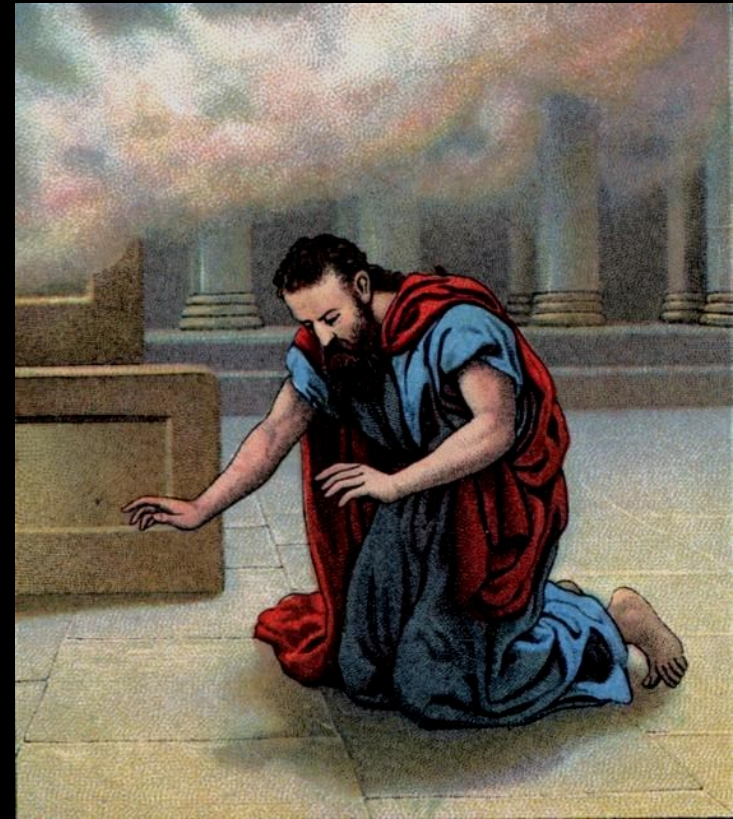


TRUE WORSHIP
begins when we stop & gasp
at the wonder, power,
& distinctiveness of God.



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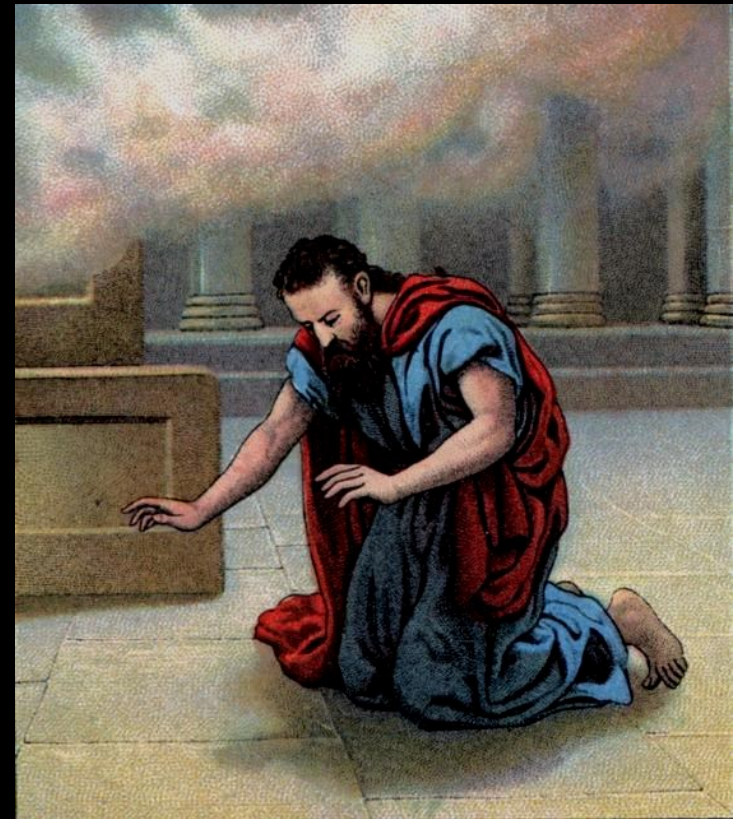
"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty" - Isaiah 6:5.





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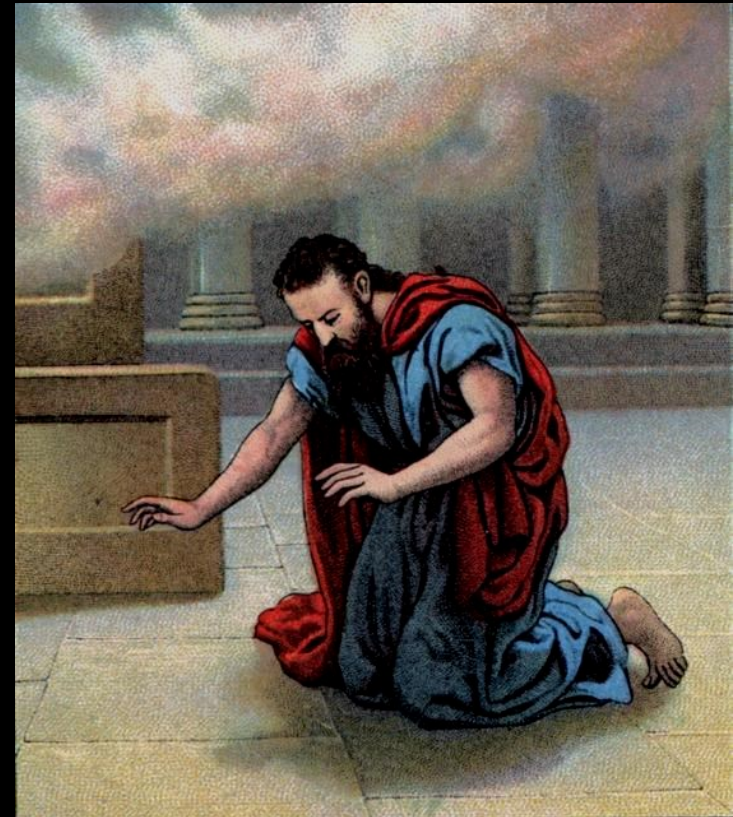
We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all – Isaiah 53:6.





II. Encountering God leads to Confession

*The heart is deceitful
above all things and
beyond cure. Who can
understand it? – Jeremiah
17:9.*





III. Encountering God leads to Cleansing

Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for" (v. 6-7).

. . . as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us (Ps 103: 12)



III. Encountering God leads to Cleansing

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (I John 1: 9).



IV. Encountering God leads to Commissioning

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8.



Closing Challenge

1. A Question

- Was God pleased with my worship today?



Closing Challenge

2. An Assignment:

- Will you remember that God is here!
- Will you sing the songs of worship to God.
- Will you pray that God will cleanse you.
- Will you listen to the word of God asking what is this saying to me.
- Will you pray and ask God, “what is my assignment for this week?”