

THIS WEEK AT THF

Tuesday

700-900pm ▶ **THF COLLEGE - Worship Service**
Meets at THF

Wednesday

700-815pm ▶ **THF STUDENTS - Worship & Small Groups**
Youth Cafe' opens at 6:30pm

Thursday

630-730am ▶ **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY**
Meets in the THF Mall

UPCOMING

SEP 21
LIFE GROUPS RESUME

NOV 24 & 25
OFFICE CLOSED

Please continue to check all of our social media outlets
and our website for updates to weekly activities
and Sunday Services.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	Week of 9/11/22	Year to Date
Budget Giving	\$19,644.93	\$564,667.04
Budget Needs	\$17,379.00	\$628,127.00

Free wifi: THFGuest No password needed.



The Call

Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"
Isaiah 6

When God questions us, it is never about *information* or *permission*.
His questions are always about **TRANSFORMATION!**

He is wanting to **REVEAL** something about Himself to us (*Job*)

He is working to **REDEEM** us (Gen 3 – *Adam and Eve*)

He is here to **REMIND** us He is the God of the promise (Gen 18 – *Sarah*)

He is moving to **REDIRECT** us (*Moses* – Exodus 4)

He is wanting to **RENEW** us (*Elijah* – 1 Kings 19)

He intends to **REIGNITE** us (*Those returning from Exile* - Haggai 1)

He is wanting to **RECOMMISSION** us to His mission (*Isaiah* - Isaiah 6)

What is the **GREATEST DANGER** to face any nation?

A Foreign Enemy

The Loss of God's Blessing

Reduced Military

Cultural Unrest

*To regain her lost power, the church must see heaven opened
and have a transforming vision of God.*

- AW Tozer, Knowledge of the Holy

To Understand God's Question...

We Need to Understand the **CONTEXT** v1

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up... v1

- Isaiah ministered for about 60 years (740-680 BC) during the reigns of four kings in Judah [Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah] *Isaiah 1*
- This incident occurs during a **REGIME CHANGE** in Judah *Isaiah 6*
- Uzziah had reigned 52 years... *2 Kings 18:1-7; 2 Chronicles 26*
- Kingdom **LARGEST** and **MOST PROSPEROUS** as it had been since Solomon's reign ~ 150 years
- Ahaz, who replace Uzziah as king was especially **EVIL** *Isaiah 7:1; 2 Chron 28*
- Ahaz's reign represented a time of **CRISIS** in Judah

Notes from The Heights

When God Asks the Questions

Isaiah's experience contrasted two **THRONES!**
MESSAGE: UZZIAH'S SEAT WAS EMPTY...GOD IS STILL HIGH AND LIFTED UP

It serves to remind us of how God's people need to view
DIFFICULT UNCERTAINTIES IN LIFE !

We Need to Understand the **CONTRAST** v1-5

John relates that Isaiah actually saw **JESUS** on the throne!

These things Isaiah said because he saw His glory, and he spoke of Him. John 12:41

He sees God as 'Adonai' - presented in His absolute **SOVEREIGNTY**

He say Him lifted up high on a **THRONE** - as a supreme **RULER**

The **TRAIN** of his robe filled the Temple - Train length = IMPORTANCE

SERAPHIM - special order of angels designated to worship the LORD t

HOLINESS

The only attribute of God highlighted in triplicate in the Bible

'Lord of Hosts' (*Jehovah Sabaoth*) - "Yahweh, commander of armies"

Smoke - a sign of the **PURIFYING PRESENCE** of God *Ex 19:16-18; 1 Kings 8:10-11*

Contrasted to God's holiness and majesty, Isaiah was confronted with
his complete **SINFULNESS**

This vision **DESTROYED** Isaiah v5

Men are never duly touched and impressed with a conviction of their insignificance until they have confronted themselves with the majesty of God" - Calvin

Isaiah's confession was prompted by his vision of **GOD**, not his vision of himself! v5

We Need to Understand the **CONTENT** v6-13

The revelation of grace is as remarkable as that of glory! - G. Campbell Morgan

The moment Isaiah owned his sin... **MERCY** was set in motion v6

Isaiah did **NOTHING** to deserve/receive his **ATONEMENT**. v7

Isaiah had seen the glory of God...he had heard the song of the **Seraphim**... but now for the first time he heard the **VOICE of GOD**

'Whom shall I send...will go for US' = an OT clue about the **TRINITY**

Isaiah did not know what kind of ministry and message he volunteered for...He just knew **THE GOD WHO HAD FORGIVEN HIM HAD CALLED HIM**

The message Isaiah bore was a **HARD** one (*Judgment*) vv9-10

Isaiah was transformed by his vision of God and he ministred faithfully for sixty years. Historical tradition tells us He was **MARTYRED** during the reign of King Manasseh by being sawed in two (*cf Heb 11L37*)

Notes from The Heights

When God Asks the Questions

THF LIFENotes
Week of September 18

1. How does the stability of the reign of King Jesus on his heavenly throne give us confidence, even in times of political instability (like when godly King Uzziah died)?

2. Isaiah says, "I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne." How can we "see" the Lord now by faith in his Word? How would such a spiritual vision of the Lord fuel our worship?

3. What does *holy* mean? Why do the seraphim say it three times? Why would you say that holiness is the most important attribute of God for us sinners to embrace?

4. What effect did this awesome heavenly scene have on Isaiah? How should a proper contemplation of the holiness of the Lord result in a humble awareness of our own sinfulness?