

“Prophetic Passion”

Isaiah 6

VIDEO: “American Church”

T/S: See our world in Isaiah’s world...

I. Context & Contrast: (ch.1-5 vs. 6:1-4)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another:

***“Holy! Holy! Holy! is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”***

4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

1. **“Holy, Holy, Holy”**
 - a. God’s only biblical **(3X) attribute!**
 - b. *Holy* = “Set Apart” (see Romans 1:1)
 - Paul was a **SLAVE** (doulos)
 - Paul was a **SENT-One** (apostle)
 - Paul was **SET-APART for THE GOSPEL**
 - c. **“Be holy because I am holy...”** – Jesus
 - 1 Peter 1:13-16
 - Leviticus 20:26
 - d. Contrast names of Satan = antithesis of “holy”
 - **Satan** = “adversary”
 - **Devil** = “slanderer”
 - **Lucifer** = “son of the morning”
 - **“Tempter”**
 - **The Accuser**

II. Clean since Cleansed: = vv.5-7

5 “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.” 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

See the A,B,C’s of the Gospel in vv.5-7!

- A). *WOE to me...* *SINNER*
- B). *COME & CLEAN me...SAVIOR*
- C). *SEND me!* *SERVE-more*

III. Called & Commissioned = v.8

8 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!”

1. *“Send me” = “Go therefore” & “be My witnesses” in warfare!*
2. How are we to “go” “witness” & “fight?”

2 Timothy 2:1-7 = *You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. 3 Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. 5 Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor’s crown except by competing according to the rules. 6 The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. 7 Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.*

- a. Disciple-making
- **“Worship”** (Christ is your Treasure)
 - *Gospel proclamation* (Repent & Believe)
 - *Great Commandment* (“heart thing”)
 - *** Vertical
 - *** Horizontal
 - *Great Commission* (1 Cor. 3:10-15...)

VIDEO: “Making Disciples”

- b. Soldier
- **Warfare** (“Disciplined warriors”)
 - Urgent!
 - Eternal!
 - Rescue P.O.W.’s that are M.I.A.
- c. Athlete
- **Win** (...Christ calls for heart of a champion)
 - By the rules.... Eph. 4:15 = “Truth in Love”
 - 1 John 3:18.... “not words... action & truth
 - Luke 9:23 (cross-carrying heart – N.M.W.)
- d. Farmer
- **Work** (...as “farmers” & “fishers” of men)
 - **2 Timothy 4:2** = *Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.* “
 - “Did not come to be served... to serve!”
 - *** *Long hours*
 - *** *Lonely service*
 - *** *Loving commitment*
 - *** *Lasting impact!*
 - It’s ALL about the “holy harvest!”

IV. Clarify to the Calloused: (“go tell”) = v.9-10

9 He said, “Go and tell this people:

“‘Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’ 10 Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn and be healed.”

1. **Corruption** (then & now)
2. **Culture** (“WAR-TIME” - O.T., N.T., Today)
 - a. Genesis 3:1-15
 - b. O.T. “good” prophets
 - Previously encountered:
 - *Elijah...*
 - *Elisha...*
 - *Amos...*
 - *Hosea...*
 - *Micah...* (parallels Isaiah)
 - c. N.T. priorities
 - **Problem:** 2 Corinthians 4:4
 - * *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God*
 - **Priorities:** Eph. 4:14-15 (truth in love)
 - * *so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.*
15 *Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,*
 - **Practice:** Ephesians 6

- **Defense = STAND (6:10)**

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **II** Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your **stand (4X)** against the devil's schemes.*

- **Offense = ATTACK! (6:20)**

I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming (the Gospel) I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

- **HOW? = Armor/Character**

- *** **Truth** (belt)

- Biblical Gospel
- Biblical Christ
- Biblical Christian

- *** **Righteousness** (breastplate)

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

- *** **Salvation** (helmet)

- John 14:6
- John 8:32 & 36

- *** **Peace** (shoes)

- Philippians 4:13 – “all things”
- Psalm 23 – “great Shepherd”

- *** **Faith** (shield)

- Ephesians 2:8-9 grace not work
- Ephesians 2:10 works of grace!

- *** **Spirit/Word** (sword)

- Hebrews 4:12 (*alive & active*)
- 2 Timothy 3:16 (*authoritative*)

V. Catastrophic Condemnation! = vv.11-12

11 Then I said, "For how long, Lord?" And he answered:

*"Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged,
12 until the Lord has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken.*

Cancer... (sin & Satan)

a. Satan's ATTACKS by...

- *Destroying lives...* (
- *Doubting leadership...* ("did God really say...")
- *Dividing loved-ones...* (division in the body)

b. Satan TEMPTS with...

- Anger
- Pride
- Worry
- Worldliness
- Lying
- Immorality

c. Satan's TACTICS

- *"Prowls like a lion..."* (1 Peter 5:8)
- Strategically *"schemes"* against us (2 Cor. 2:10ff)
- *Deceives people:*
 - False philosophies (Colossians 2:8)
 - False religions (1 Corinthians 10:20)
 - False ministers (2 Cor. 11:14ff)
 - False doctrine (1 John 2:18)
 - False disciples (Matthew 13:24-30)
- *Blinds unbelievers* (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- *Mis-uses Scripture* (Matthew 4:6)
- *Thwarts Mission* (Acts 13:6-10)

Christ is Coming! = v.13

And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land.”

Conditions = Rev. 2-3... “Churches & Cures”

- **Ephesus** = engulfed in idolatry & immorality
 - REPENT of your Sin
 - RECLAIM your First Love

- **Smyrna** = great, persecuted church
 - TRUST in God
 - PERSEVERE in Patience

- **Pergamum** = amidst “Satan’s throne”
 - Be PURE in Thought
 - Be PURE in Deed

- **Thyatira** = falling to false teaching
 - LISTEN to Holy TRUTH
 - COMMIT to Holy LIVING

- **Sardis** = ...a dead church!
 - TURN from SIN
 - TURN to CHRIST

- **Philadelphia** = opposed by synag. of Satan
 - HOLD FAST to His WORD
 - PROCLAIM His NAME

- **Laodicea** = lukewarm church...
 - TREASURE Christ
 - CLOTHE your lives in Christ
 - FIX your EYES on Christ

CLOSE: We’ll finish...
back where we started....

This little light of mine....

Matthew 5:14-16 = 14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

In the end.... the “called out” “sent ones” of God are @ war...

a war for the Gospel & Glory of Jesus Christ!

...a WAR over Truth, Love, & Light...

Disciples *duplicate & distribute*... Truth, Love, & Light...

Warriors *faithfully fight for*... Truth, Love, & Light...

Athletes *compete for AND champion*... Truth, Love, & Light...

Farmers *work for & worship*... Truth, Love, & Light

of Jesus,
THE Christ!

AMEN.