

ISAIAH 6:1-8

Hank, had just graduated from college .... Landscaping contractor's license. He moved to a small rural town and opened a small office, bought a new pickup truck and waited for his first job.

The first job that was offered him was to remove a stump in a farmer's field.

Wanted to act as if he knew what he was doing when he met the farmer in the middle of the pasture and all the cows. Dynamite was the logical choice. After helping the farmer to move all the cows to another pasture, Hank pulled out the box of explosives.

Hank dug a small hole under the base of the very large tree just as was illustrated in his text book he had read the night before. He knew he would have to pack it in with enough dirt to contain the blast. He used a calculator to determine the length of the fuse.

Problem was how much to use... He had no idea.... He didn't want the farmer to know he as an amateur so he simply guessed at the number of sticks of dynamite. So hoping it would be enough to move the stump but not so much as to kill them all, he put in the charge with the fuse, tamped it in carefully, covered it with dirt.

The moment came with a look to the farmer and a nod he lit the fuse and ran for cover.

Eternity seemed to pass. In the middle of faint mooing of cows in the distance and huddled down behind the farmer's tractor, it happened.

It was a mighty blast

The stump not only moved but it was catapulted into the air fifty feet. It did three complete revolutions and landed right in the middle of the cab of his new pickup.

In the calm that followed, in the deathly silence, the farmer turned to hank and said "With a bit more practice you should be able land those thing in the truck bed every time."

**There is a great difference between hearing how something is done and actually doing it.**

**And so there is a great difference between hearing what God is like and Knowing God.**

The nation of Israel was in turmoil

The King was dead

A young priest who had set the King up in his own heart was heart heavy.

But the job of being a priest must go on.

It was the time of the Jubilee

Offerings had to be made

Incense had to be burned on the great altar.

And it was Isaiah's turn to burn Incense.

Great privilege

So in spite of feeling very low and heartbroken he went about his  
job

So there standing between the porch of the priests and the great altar

Amid all the smoke and fire

Staring into the Holy of Holies as the curtain was pulled back

He saw the ADONI

He saw God. in all his spender

in all his power

in all his holiness.

For a moment in History the temporary of the temple dissolved into the real.

I could preach on that sight alone for hours.

But I would look at the worshipers also in this vision.

The Seraphim

The keepers of the flame

The service makers.

Just like you and me

Worshiping our God.

What were they doing??????

Singing

Singing a great song.

Antiphonally..... from side to side

each time a little louder

Each time a little bolder

Each time a with a little more excitement

HOLY

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Is the lord of hosts. The whole earth is filled with his glory.

And the foundations of the temple began to quake.

started with a small rumble

Until all the loose dust of a 100 years filled the air.

Along with it pure smoke from the altar mixed in

Until ISAI AH could not see the vision anymore.

The sight of the very Holiness of God was disappearing in the clouds of glory.

He could not speak... without words

no words of adoration

no words of worship

Just AWE

.....  
He could have gone away in a triumphant spirit

so full of himself

“Boy am I Spiritual”  
“God let me see His Glory”

All those at the temple knew something had happened

They didn't see the vision

They didn't see the Adonis or the Seraphim

They didn't hear the song

But they did feel the quake

He could have taken advantage.

But instead he fell down on his face and cried for all he was worth.

WOE IS ME FOR I AM A MAN OF UNCLEAN LIPS.

The vision of God hit home.

God didn't tell him he was bad

The vision was the judgment.

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To see God

1. Is to hate all sin
2. Is to be reminded of sin in your life.
3. Is to tremble

Anyone who has had a clear personal vision of their loving holy God will have a new vision of self.

This church does not need better preaching

This church does not need better buildings

This church does not need more incriminations and long altar calls.

This church does not need better Sunday School Teachers.

What this church needs is a new vision of the Holy God.

to See God and see how we measure up.

Comparisons to anything less than the Great ADONI is to measure by a broken stick.

- a. TO SEE OTHERS AS YOUR GAUGE IS A BROKEN GAUGE.

If you want to know what is Holy

If you want to know how to live your life

If you want to know how to build a church

Don't analyze the problems

Don't call another preacher

Don't call another board meeting

Don't schedule another workshop

Don't compare yourself to anyone else

FIND A VISION OF GOD

- b. Compare yourself to our self..... to make your own decision is wrong to...  
We become wise... respectable

Compared to someone every one is a saint.

We have to get our eyes off everyone else and get our eyes on God.

We can't judge ourselves against someone else

We can't judge ourselves against some norm.

We must lay ourselves on our faces and compare ourselves to the Great Adonis

I as your evangelist

Pastor Perez as your Pastor

You as a church

You as a Christian

MUST MUST MUST MUST MUST MUST MUST

Ask God for a new vision

For without it we shall surely die

Proverbs 29.18

Where there is no vision the people perish.