

Sunday School Lesson

June 4, 2023

Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:1-8

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Questions for Us Today

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How do you give praise to the Lord?

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How will you recognize and respond to the Voice of the Lord when He speaks to you? Or, if it has already happened, how did you respond?

Sunday School Lesson Objective

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In this Bible text, to understand what Isaiah saw and heard, in addition to how and why he was called by God.

Sunday School Lesson Segments – 1

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Isaiah

Sunday School Lesson Segments - 2

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5. Remember This

Points of Information – Isaiah

Isaiah (the son of Amoz, not the Prophet Amos) was a great and Major Prophet, whose ministry spanned around 60 years and five kings. Isaiah's name means "The Lord is salvation."

Isaiah is quoted over 60 times in the New Testament) including by Christ Jesus) and mentioned by name over 20 times.

Points of Information – Isaiah

When Jesus was handed the Scriptures, during a return to the temple in Nazareth, He was given the Book of Isaiah. Our Savior opened it, read from Isaiah 61:1-2 and proclaimed that He – the Messiah – was the fulfillment of that Scripture. This episode is told in Luke 4:16-21.

The Gospel according to Matthew (15:17-21) says that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Servant message by quoting Isaiah 42:1-4.

Points of Information – Isaiah

The Book of Isaiah is sometimes called the “Bible in Miniature.” This is (partially) because this Book has 66 Chapters and our Bible has 66 Books.

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Our Bible has 39 Books in the Old Testament and 27 Books in the New Testament.

The Book of Isaiah has 39 Chapters regarding the Law, government and judgment of God and 27 Chapters about the grace and salvation of the Lord.

Points of Information – Isaiah

Contemporaries of Isaiah included Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh and the Prophets Hosea and Micah.

Isaiah was married to a prophetess and they had two sons. Isaiah 7:3; 8:3.

Points of Information – Isaiah

Many sermons have referred to the Call which begins in Isaiah 6:1: “In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon the Throne.”

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The Lord issued the Call: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

Isaiah responded: “Here am I. Send me!”

This has been called the “Temple Vision of Isaiah.” Isaiah 6:1-8. NRSV

Points of Information – Isaiah

Numerous sections of Isaiah foretell the Coming of the Messiah.

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See Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 40:1-5; 42:1-2, 6, 13; 43:1-11; 53:3-12.

As a result, Isaiah has been called the “Christ-Harbinger,” the “Messianic Prophet” or the “Fifth Evangelist.”

Isaiah

Words to Remember

1. 2:4 They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
2. 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon the throne.
3. 6:8 I heard the Voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send and who will go for us?” Then, said I: “Here I am, send me.”
4. 7:14 Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His Name Emmanuel.
5. 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given. And, the government shall be upon His shoulder. And, His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

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Words to Remember

6. 11:6 A little child shall lead them.
7. 40:1, 2a, 3-5 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto them that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert, a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain. And, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
8. 40:11 He shall feed His flock like a shepherd.

Words to Remember

9. 40:31 They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. And, they shall walk and not faint.
10. 41:10 Fear not, I am with Thee. Be not dismayed. For, I am thy God. I will strengthen thee. Yea, I will help thee. Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of righteousness. [In the hymn: “How Firm a Foundation”].
11. 45:23b Unto me, every knee shall bow, every tongue shall [confess].
12. 53:4-6 Surely, He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows... He was wounded for our transgressions... He was bruised for our iniquities... And with His stripes we are healed... All we like sheep have gone astray... The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

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Words to Remember

13. 54:17 No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper.
14. 55:6 Seek ye the Lord, while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near.
15. 55:8 My thoughts are not your thoughts. Neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord.
16. 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach.
17. 66:1 The heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool.

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Lesson Context - 1

In the first five Chapters of the Book of Isaiah, he warned God's people in Judah that severe punishments were coming, due to their serial sinning and disobedience. However, God's grace and restoration (for some of the people) would still come at an appointed time .

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Lesson Context - 2

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The Northern Kingdom of Israel would be conquered by the Assyrians.

Babylon would do the same to the Southern Kingdom of Judah.

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Lesson Context - 3

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This segment of Scripture, in the beginning of Chapter 6, is referred to as a call narrative. Here, we see the Temple setting and the call and response of Isaiah.

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Text – UMI Outline #1

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Isaiah 6:1-4

True Worship Recognizes God's Holiness

Isaiah 6:1-2 (NLT)

It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of His robe filled the Temple.

Attending Him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

Isaiah 6:3-4

They were calling out to each other, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven’s Armies! The whole earth is filled with His glory!”

Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke.

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Text – UMI Outline #2

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Isaiah 6:5

True Worship Acknowledges Sinfulness

Isaiah 6:5

Then I said, “It’s all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.”

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Text – UMI Outline #3

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Isaiah 6:6-7

True Worship Receives God's Grace

Isaiah 6:6-7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven."

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Text – UMI Outline #4

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Isaiah 6:8

True Worship Responds to God's Call

Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the Lord asking,
“Whom should I send as a
messenger to this people? Who
will go for us?” I said, “Here I am,
send me.”

Remember this:

Aim to prepare yourself to hear and respond to the Call of the Lord.

The Lord has something for each one of us to do. And, He equips us accordingly.

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