



The Way It Really Is
“Getting Back Our Focus”

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Isaiah 6:1-9

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Isaiah 6 (KJV)

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

² Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

³ And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

⁴ And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵ Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

⁶ Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

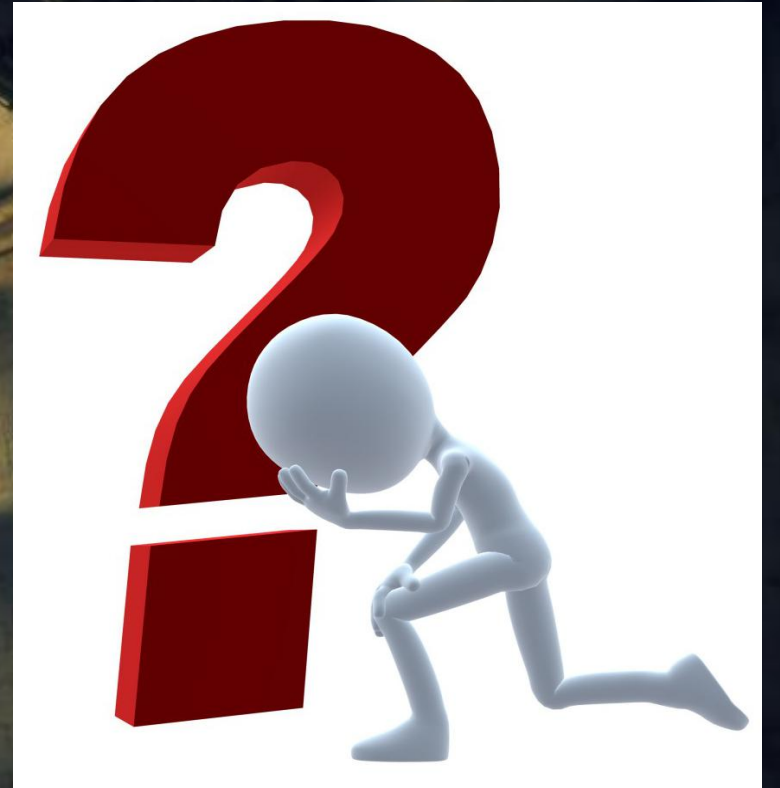
⁷ And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

⁸ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.



WHEN UZZIAH DIED

Unstable Times



Sound Familiar?

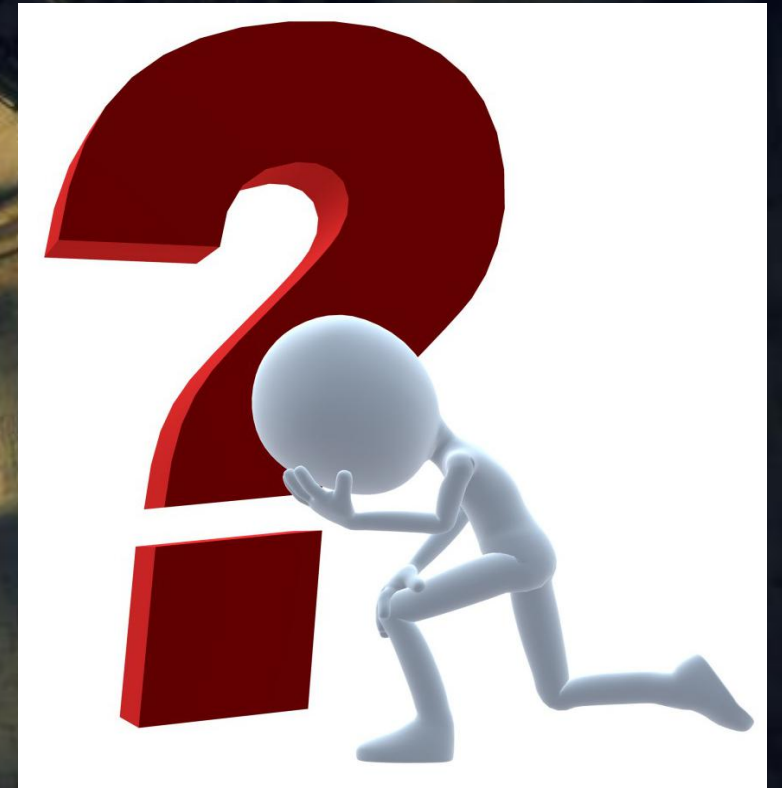
WHEN UZZIAH DIED

Unstable Times

○ Politically

○ Physically

○ Spiritually



Sound Familiar?

They Lost Their Focus

WHEN UZZIAH DIED



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The Way It Really Is



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He is On the Throne (1)

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He Is The...

- **King of Kings- Lord of Lords**
- **Ruler of All Things**
- **In Control –Always Has /Always Will Be**
- **Absolute Sovereign Ruler of Everything**
- **Not About To Give Up His Reign**



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He is High and Lifted Up (1)

He Is Above All Things

- Nothing Has Dominion Over Him
 - Everything Is Under Him
 - All Governments...
 - All Power...
 - All People...
- ... And You

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His Train Fills the Temple (1)

- His Train Represents His Power
- His Power is Everywhere...
...and Reaches Everywhere
 - We Cannot ...
 - Escape God
 - Hide From Him
 - Run From Him
- Sooner or Later...
...Everyone Will Stand Before Him

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He is Holy (3)

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He is...

...Set Apart from...

...Everyone and Everything

○ **Perfect**

○ **Sinless**

○ **Uncompromising w- Sin**

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His Power is Awesome (4)

When He Speaks...

...the Earth Shakes

In His Hands He Holds...

- **All Creation**
- **Our Lives**

He Has The Power To...

- **Do Anything He Wishes**
- **Speak and It's Done**

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That's How It Really Is

Focus

How We Really Are

We're in Trouble. *"Woe is me! for I am undone..."*

○ **How Can We Dare to Stand Before God?**

- **Here Is The High and Almighty God**
- **Here We Are, Low and Dirty and Weak**

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We're Hopeless. *"because I am a man of unclean lips..."*

• **When We Stand Before God...**

○ **Our Sin Is Magnified**

○ **We See Ourselves As God Sees Us**

"Woe is me!"



HOLY
GOD

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“Woe
is me!”



How We Really Are

- **We're in Trouble-** *“Woe is me! for I am undone...”*
- **We're Hopeless-** *“..I am a man of unclean lips...”*
- **We Have No One to Help Us-** *“I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips...”*
 - **Everybody is a Sinner**
 - **There is No One to Turn To**
 - **We Stand ALONE Before God**
 - **Even Trump, the Senate /Congress!**

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The Same One Who Reveals Our Condition...

...Heals Our Condition

He Loves us too Much...

...to Leave Us the Same as He Found Us

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His Touch!




HERE I AM
SEND ME



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His Touch!



Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ 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.”

Isaiah’s Actions Affected God...

God Initiated...

- **Contact (1-4)**
- **Cleansing (5)**
- **Calling (6-8)**

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His Touch!

"Here I am Lord,

Send Me."

(Is. 6:8)



"Here I am Lord."

God's Actions Effected Isaiah

***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"***

Who Shall I Send?

- He looked Up -*Saw God as He Is!*
- He Looked In -*Saw Self as He Was!*
- He Looked Out -*Saw Others as They Are!*
- What Would Happen If ...
... If Everyone Rescues One !

(Is. 6:8)



Isaiah 6 (NLT)

6 It was in the year King Uzziah died^[a] that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. **2** 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. **3** 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!” **4** Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke. **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.” **6** Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. **7** 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.” **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.”



HERE I AM
SEND ME

