

THE KING'S PREACHER

Isaiah 6.1-8

Chapter 6 of the Book of Isaiah is the description of the call and commission of the prophet Isaiah. His call to the prophetic ministry is dated "in the year that King Uzziah died." Uzziah had ruled Judah for approximately 40 years. Isaiah was born and had grown to manhood during the years of Uzziah's reign. He had, in fact, never known another king. Uzziah was a good king; his reign brought peace and prosperity that the nation had not known since the days of Solomon.

But now Uzziah was dead. The people felt like sheep without a shepherd. The situation was made worse by the weakness of Uzziah's son Jotham and the menacing threat of the nation Assyria. In the year that King Uzziah died, Isaiah saw another King seated on a throne. Judah's throne was empty, but heaven's throne was occupied by the King of Glory. Judah's kings would come and go, but this King would reign for ever and ever.

Isaiah approached the throne of God in the Temple. Our passage describes his call and commission. What was it that needed to happen in Isaiah's life before he could receive that call and commission? What is it that needs to happen to us as well today?

I. The Realization of a Sense of UNWORTHINESS.

II. The Experience of FORGIVENESS.

III. The Dedication of Self to God in SERVICE.

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?