Isaiah 6 ● Upward, Inward, & Outward

1. (v.1-4) Upward
   a. Who is on the throne? Jesus.
   b. What does the “train of His robe” represent? His authority.
   c. What do the heavenly beings teach us? Ministry is equal parts of right worship and a right relationship.
   d. What is the evidence of a right ministry? The unity of its ministers.
   e. What is the object of a right ministry? To bring everything into agreement with God’s holiness.
   f. What does the smoke represent? Our prayer.
   g. What was the result of Isaiah’s looking upward? He acknowledged the sovereignty and authority of Christ, and was comforted by the reality that Christ is firmly in control.

2. (v.5-7) Inward
   a. What happens when someone has a TRUE encounter with Christ? They simultaneously become acutely aware of Christ’s authority and their own sin.
   b. “Unclean lips” is the tangible evidence of an unclean heart.
   c. What does the altar represent? Christ’s sacrifice to purify us from uncleanness.
   d. How does God convey the power and message of His sacrifice? Through messengers.
   e. What was the result of Isaiah’s looking inward? He had to face the reality of his spiritual condition and his need for a Savior.

3. (v.8-13) Outward
   a. What happens to someone that has a genuine, spiritual encounter with Christ? Rather than seek to extend the experience, they’re motivated to go out and serve.
   b. What motivates God’s servants? They know Christ is on the throne. This is called “faith”.
   c. What could Isaiah now see that he couldn’t see before? The needs of others as Christ saw them.
      1) First comes recognition of Christ’s sovereignty.
      2) Next comes recognition of the personal need for the Savior.
      3) Finally comes recognition of others’ need for the Savior.
   d. What is remarkable about all of God’s messengers? They have all been changed by the very message they bear.
   e. The 3 stages of those who reject the message are:
      1) They WOULD NOT believe. (Jn. 12:37)
      2) They COULD NOT believe. (Jn. 12:39)
      3) They SHOULDN’T believe. (Jn. 12:40)

Overall: The example of Isaiah is being transformed from a spectator to a participant.