

Isaiah 1:1

The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Isaiah = God saves, the Lord is salvation

- prince of prophets
- ministry spanned 51 years across four kings
- married, had two sons
- Shear-Jashub (a remnant will return)
- Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz (swift to the spoil)

"For Isaiah, words are watercolors and melodies and chisels to make truth and beauty and goodness. Or, as the case may be, hammers and swords and scalpels to unmake sin and guilt and rebellion. Isaiah does not merely convey information. He creates visions, delivers revelation, arouses belief. He is a poet in the most fundamental sense—a maker, making God present and that presence urgent." – Eugene Peterson

Book of Isaiah:

- I. Messages of Judgment (ch. 1-39)
- II. Messages of Comfort (ch. 40-55)
- III. Messages of Hope (ch. 56-66)

Isaiah 6:1-3

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

- Look up – seeing God

Isaiah 6:5

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

- Look in – seeing yourself

woe = a cry of distress, calling out from a place of deep grief

- Look out – seeing others

Isaiah 6:6-10

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" 9 He said, "Go and tell this people: 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.' 10 Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes.

"If your heart does not leap at God's grace in Christ, what you need is more grace. Nothing else can save you from your own deadness. Therefore, fear your hardness of heart more than anything else. Beware of rigidity, ingratitude, a demanding spirit. Beware of an un-melted heart that is never satisfied. Beware of a mind that looks for excuses not to believe. Beware of the impulse that always finds a reason to delay response." – Raymond Ortlund Jr.

Isaiah 66:2

"This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word."

- Look to – Christ and His sacrifice

The bread and the cup are our holy coals from the altar today.