

ISAIAH

Isaiah 6 : 1 – 8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

*‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’*

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ 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!’



Isaiah's sense of call is awakened by an amazing vision of the throne of God, surrounded by seraphs who are telling each other of the holiness and glory of God. Isaiah becomes aware of the presence of God through what he sees and hears and experiences.

Isaiah's growing consciousness of the glory of God awakes in him an awareness of his own inadequacy. God, however, sees the potential and giftedness of Isaiah more than his limitations. Through the actions of the seraph, Isaiah is cleansed of his dominant sense of guilt and sin, so that he is able to really hear God's call ; 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And

Isaiah's is able to respond with the beautiful words: 'Here I am, send me.'

- When have you been told of the holiness and glory of God.
- When have you been aware of the presence of God in what you see, and hear and experience?
- Who has helped you to discover your potential and giftedness?
- Can you help someone else to discover theirs?
- What will help you to really hear the voice of God?
- What will help you to say 'Here I am, send me?'