A New Look at the Old Testament

The Call of Isaiah
Isaiah was one of the prophets of God who was called by God to speak to the people on God's behalf. Isaiah was a faithful worshipper of God in a time when the nation of Israel had gone astray. God rewarded Isaiah's faithfulness by sending him to speak as God's representative. Isaiah's response, “Here am I, send me!” has motivated many people to give their lives to God's service.

Isaiah 6

1. In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, and the hem of his robe filled the temple.
2. Seraphim were standing above him; they each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3. And one called to another: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Armies; his glory fills the whole earth.

4. The foundations of the doorways shook at the sound of their voices, and the temple was filled with smoke. 5. Then I said:

Woe is me for I am ruined because I am a man of unclean lips and live among a people of unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Armies.

6. Then one of the seraphim flew to me, and in his hand was a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. 7. He touched my mouth with it and said: Now that this has touched your lips, your iniquity is removed and your sin is atoned for.

8. Then I heard the voice of the Lord asking: Who should I send? Who will go for us?

I said: Here I am. Send me.

OBSERVATIONS

Isaiah went up to the temple to worship, but instead of merely seeing the material world, he was enabled to see the spiritual realm God inhabits.

In the presence of a holy God, Isaiah became acutely aware of his own sin. Anguish and remorse are the right emotions for this awareness.

God knows our need for forgiveness and works to take away our sin. God has done this for the world through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross.

God never forces us into service, but allows us to respond to his call.
**FURTHER STUDY** for a Deeper Understanding

Worship can be understood as being part of a cycle of revelation...

Worship begins with **God**

God offers **Revelation**

We offer God **Glorification**

We respond with **Adoration**

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**APPLICATION** for Daily Living

Worship is not something we do only in the context of a worship service. God is seeking those who will worship Him continually. Begin to practice worship every day. Whenever God offers revelation, take time to appreciate, adore, and offer God glory!

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**QUESTIONS** for Discussion

What is the best thing God has ever done for you?

Do you find it easy or hard to acknowledge God's presence throughout the day?

When have you felt closest to God in worship?

What is one thing for which you would worship God right now?