

Faith in the Unfathomable May 27th, 2018

(Isaiah 6:1-8)

6 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."

- ⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.
- 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."
- 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!"

1. What aspect of God do you find to be the most unfathomable? Why do think that's the case?

- 2. It makes sense that these six-winged Seraphs used two of their wings to fly. But what does it signify about God that they use their other four wings to cover their faces and feet?
 - Think about what people usually did in the Bible when an angel appeared to them. What does it tell us about God that these powerful, holy creatures take similar action in the presence of God?
- 3. Pick out at least three things that the angels' song of praise tells us about God. Why do you think this song would lead a man like Isaiah to be filled with terror and despair?
- 4. What is the significance of the angel taking the burning coal that touched Isaiah's lips from the altar? (*Hint: What was the purpose and function of the altar in the Israelite's temple?*) What did this action point Isaiah to?
- 5. Why do you think Isaiah talks about having "unclean lips"? Why not unclean actions, or unclean thoughts? (*Read Matthew 15:18 and Proverbs 10:11 for help*)
- 6. What is unique about the wording of vs. 8? How does that verse refer to something unfathomable about God?