



Life Guide applying God's Word to life

God's Help for a Hurting World June 7th, 2020

(Isaiah 6:1-8)

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, 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 seraphim 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. God called prophets to help his people when they were hurting. Write down one way *you* are hurting? (We'll come back to this.) Now write one way your *neighbors* are hurting? Finally, write one way our *nation* is hurting?

2. To prepare Isaiah to help people, God taught Isaiah mostly through his eyes rather than his ears. In your own words describe what Isaiah saw in v. 1-3. What does that teach you about God?
3. V. 4-5 make me think of Exodus 19. If you were in Isaiah's place, what thoughts would you be having?
4. In your own words describe what Isaiah saw in v. 4-5. What do these verses teach you about human beings?
5. In v. 6-7 Isaiah sees something very surprising. Can we come up with five reasons why this might catch a prophet by surprise?
6. In v. 5 Isaiah is despairing. In v. 8 he's volunteering. What prompted that change in Isaiah? Be as specific as you can. What prompts that change in you? Be as specific as you can.
7. Let's review: When God wanted to help his hurting people, lessons did he teach his prophet?
8. Look at the hurts you listed in question 1. What might go wrong if we try to help those hurts without learning the lessons God taught Isaiah? How do those lessons prepare us to help a hurting world?