

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 06 Sept	Isaiah 01-05	God Comforts
2) 13 Sept	Isaiah 06	God Sends
3) 20 Sept	Isaiah 07-22	God Promises
4) 27 Sept	Isaiah 23-24	God Reigns
5) 04 Oct	Isaiah 25-30	God Saves
6) 11 Oct	Isaiah 31-36	God Protects
7) 18 Oct	Isaiah 37-39	God Listens
8) 25 Oct	Isaiah 40-45	God Renews
9) 01 Nov	Isaiah 46-48	God Acts
10) 08 Nov	Isaiah 49-52	God Comforts
11) 15 Nov	Isaiah 53-57	God Justifies
12) 22 Nov	Isaiah 58-64	God Expects
13) 29 Nov	Isaiah 65-66	God Restores

INTRODUCTION

- Angelic beings play a role in our quest to see God's glory, and like Isaiah, we need a cleansing to stay close to God and to be used
- Lifeway's ETB Focus: Isaiah 6:1-13

OPENING QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- How do we take our faith to the next level?
 - Pray more? Fellowship more? Obey more? Repent more?
 - Read the Bible more? Hang around the wise more? Witness more?
 - Or... Seek visions? Desire the miraculous? Pursue experiences?

Passage	Comments
6:1-4	<p>Special Heavenly Beings are Introduced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seraphims – 6 wings, 1 face [2 vvs, Isaiah 6:2, 6:6] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Saraph ~ fiery serpent or seraphim – 7x in OT ♦ Seraphim Duties: Stationed above His throne and proclaimed God's holiness and glory ♦ Satan, Heaven's original choir leader, is often portrayed as a Seraphim. Recall his serpent-like attributes in Eden. But Ezek 28:14 portrays him as an "anointed cherub" ♦ In comparison, Gabriel – who stands in the presence of God was called "the man" (Dan 9:21) or an Angel (Lk 1:19); and Michael was called the chief prince (Dan 12:1) or Archangel (Jude 1:9) • Cherubims (Living Creatures) – 4 wings, 4 faces (man, lion, ox/taur, eagle).....Ezek 1:10; 10:14; Rev 4:7-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Two reside on top of the Ark of Covenant ♦ Two stand within the inner Temple (holy-of-holies) with their wings touching ♦ God is enthroned above the CherubimPs 80:1; 99:1
Are Cherubim and Seraphim Angels?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There does seem to be 3 created types of angelic beings: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Angels, who always appear wingless and male, but were capable of flight, Dan 9:21 [OT: 100+ vvs; NT: 170+ vvs] 2. Winged Cherubims with 4 wings & 4 faces [57 vvs] 3. Winged Seraphims with 6 wings & 1 face [2 vvs] • Note #1. Cherubims & Seraphims are depicted as Beasts (Rev 4:7) or Living Creatures (Ezek 1:5, 1:13-15, 3:13; Rev 4:8). Two winged female angelic creatures, having wings of a stork, are depicted in Zech 5:9, but they were part of a vision • When were they created? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Some believe they have been around all eternity ♦ A more practical answer is found in Genesis 1:1, they were created when God created the heavens & the earth, so on Day-1 of Creation week. God's throne was not in existence before then, so no need for angelic beings • Note #2. Don't forget about the Angel of the Lord (50+ vvs), often a Christophany (OT manifestation of Jesus Christ)
6:5-7	<p>Isaiah – A Man of Unclean Lips (not worthy to serve)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaiah is not only unclean, he has seen the Lord of Hosts • Even the Seraphim had to cover their faces (6:2), assumedly before God's brilliance.....Mat 17:1-3; Acts 9:1-9; Rev 1:16 • The hot coal on the lips seem to be similar to washing the feet of the disciples – the whole body didn't need cleansing – but a cleansing of the attitude to restore fellowship with God • Why the lips? Why not a searing iron to the ears or hot iron to the head, feet, hands, or chest/heart?Mat 15:18-19
6:8	<p>Here Am I, Send Me!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaiah is now ready and willing to do the Lord's work • What do we need to purge in our lives to be able to serve? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bad friends? <input type="checkbox"/> Coarse language/thoughts? <input type="checkbox"/> TV? <input type="checkbox"/> Consuming hobbies? <input type="checkbox"/> Certain habits? <input type="checkbox"/> Others?

Passage	Comments
6:9-10	<p>Who Harden's Who's Hearts?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearts-ears-eyes-eyes-ears-hearts (a-b-c/c-b-a) inversion is called a "chiastic" arrangement • Jesus quotes this passage (Mat 13:15) to confirm how most had hardened their hearts, ears, and eyes to the point where God also hardened them • Who hardens who's heart first? Man or God? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Remember Isaiah 5:4 where God asked, "What more can I do for My people?" ♦ Also recall Moses recorded Pharaoh hardening his own heart 10x (Ex 7:13,14,22; 8:15, 19, 32; 9:7,34,35; 14:5) and God harden Pharaoh's heart 10x (Ex 4:21; 7:3; 9:12; 10:1, 20, 27; 11:10; 14:4,8,17) • God made it possible for people to believe, but many refuse to believe – so God seals their hearts, ears, and eyes from further seeing the truth, essentially sealing their Hellish fate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ We'll see in Isaiah 63:17-18 the Jews ask God 2 tough questions, "Why, Lord, did You cause us to stray from You, and why did you harden our heart?" ♦ God's answer in Isaiah 64 & 65, "You refused to obey Me"
6:11-13	<p>Isaiah asks God – How long will this blindness continue?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • And God responds "until cities are devastated and uninhabited" – but He keeps a remnant to carry on • Just like Noah's flood and Sodom/Gomorrah – total annihilation is often used to get some back on track • We will see this in Revelation when ½ the world's population is annihilated before God's glory is revealed...Rev 6:8 & 9:18

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- Be Bold – Dare to Ask God to be used in a mighty way

SUPPORTING PASSAGES

- **Num 21:6** The LORD sent **fiery <08314> serpents** among the people and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.
- **Num 21:8** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a **fiery [serpent] <08314>**, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live."
- **Deut 8:15** "He led you through the great and terrible wilderness, [with its] **fiery <08314> serpents** and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He brought water for you out of the rock of flint.
- **Isaiah 6:2** **Seraphim <08314>** stood above Him, each having 6 wings: with 2 he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.
- **Isaiah 6:6** Then one of the **seraphim <08314>** flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs.
- **Isaiah 14:29** "Do not rejoice, O Philistia, all of you, Because the rod that struck you is broken; For from the serpent's root a viper will come out, and its fruit will be a **flying serpent <08314>**."
- **Isaiah 30:6** The oracle concerning the beasts of the Negev. Through a land of distress and anguish, from where [come] lioness and lion, viper and **flying serpent <08314>**, They carry their riches on the backs of young donkeys and their treasures on camels' humps, to a people who cannot profit them;

NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 7-22. Christ is promised; Future peace is promised; Sinners destruction promised; Satan's fall highlighted

