

The Trauma of Encountering the Holy God

Isaiah 6:1-7

Historical Setting

“In the year that King Uzziah died...” :1

1. God Is.

“In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord...” :1

2. God Is the All Powerful King

King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and

3. God Is Majestic

“...and the train of his robe filled the temple” :1

4. God Is Worshipped

“Above him stood the seraphim.

Each had six wings: with two he covered his face,
and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.” :2

5. God Is Holy, Holy, Holy

“And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!” :3

6. God Is Terrifying

“And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost;

for I am a man of unclean lips,

and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” :4-5

7. God Is Gloriously Merciful

flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken

⁷ And he touched my mouth and said:

“Behold, this has touched your lips;
your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” :6-7

“When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:
....” (John 12:36-40)

⁴¹ ...Isaiah said these things
because he saw his glory and spoke of Him.

(John 12:36–41).

in these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father,
glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you”

(John 17:1)