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Isaiah 6:1-8 (NLT) - It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. <sup>2</sup> Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> They were calling out to each other, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven’s Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!” <sup>4</sup> Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> Then I said, “It’s all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.” <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> He touched my lips with it and said, “See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven.” <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the Lord asking, “Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?” I said, “Here I am. Send me.”

### The Message of the Kingdom: The Holiness of God and His People

#### 1. An \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 1:16 (NLT) - For the Scriptures say, “You must be holy because I am holy.”

Restoration: return (someone or something) to a former condition, place, or position.

Romans 1:16-2:4 (NLT) - For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. <sup>17</sup> This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.” <sup>18</sup> But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. <sup>19</sup> They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. <sup>20</sup> For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

<sup>21</sup> Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn’t worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. <sup>23</sup> And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.

<sup>24</sup> So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other’s bodies. <sup>25</sup> They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. <sup>26</sup> That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. <sup>27</sup> And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved.

<sup>28</sup> Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. <sup>29</sup> Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. <sup>30</sup> They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. <sup>31</sup> They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. <sup>32</sup> They know God’s justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too. <sup>1</sup> You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things. <sup>2</sup> And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things. <sup>3</sup> Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God’s judgment when you do the same things? <sup>4</sup> Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

## 2. A \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 4:17 (ESV) - From then on Jesus began to preach, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near."

Repentance: "a reversal and renunciation, submission and teachability, and continually shapeability." - Jack Hayford

Colossians 1:13 (NLT) - For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son.

Acts 26:18 (NLT) - "... to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me."

## 3. A \_\_\_\_\_

John 3:3 (NLT) - Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

Romans 12:2 (NLT) - Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Sanctification – continual shape-ability (set apart, holy).

1 Peter 2:9 (NLT) - But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

## Study Guide

1. When you think of the word Holy what first comes to mind?
2. What about holiness did you learn today that surprised you?
3. Read Isaiah 6:5. Do you recognize the depth of your own sin and brokenness without God?
4. Read Isaiah 6:6-7. What sins, shame or guilt are you still carrying in your life right now that you need to confess to God? God wants to heal you. Forgive you. Repent and place your faith in Jesus today for the forgiveness of your sins.
5. Read Isaiah 6:8. God wants to use you to bring good news to this world lost in sin and darkness. He wants to use you to help them understand that they too can be restored and set apart by God.
6. Pray for God to keep working in your life (sanctify you) and make you holy. Pray that God would lead you down the right path.