

Friends, don't get me wrong. By no means do I count myself as an expert in all of this, but I've got my eyes on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.

Philippians 3:13-14 The Message Bible

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Prayer Study 260

HERE AM I; SEND ME

A LOOK AT ISAIAH 6

THE CALL AND COMMISSION OF ISAIAH TO THE PROPHETIC OFFICE

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Isaiah 6:8

1: In the year that King Uzziah died

We have been well taught the spiritual principle found in 1st Corinthians 15:46, *First the Natural and then the Spiritual*. The Lord uses natural events including the death of His kings and priests to speak a spiritual lesson. In this case, the death of King Uzziah was a natural event that foreshadowed major events in the land of Israel.

This is what I call a marker. This is what I call a marker, and I believe that I speak by the spirit of prophecy tonight in saying that we are going to soon see some major markers that will mark the fact that we are entering a new season and this new season will start the countdown of the last of the Last Days. I fully expect some major judgments to fall on the United States. In spite of the tragic nature of these judgments, the Lord uses them for good, that is to

bring His people back to a dependence on Him. He desires relationship with us so badly that He allows these things to happen because the fruit of these events is a return to Lord. Those who have strayed realize in times of tragedy and calamity that there is no place to go except to the Lord. Another marker for us will be the death of leaders on the world stage, whether spiritual or secular leaders. The Lord often calls home the elder leadership in the Body of Christ, those who have fought the fight of faith for their generation. Then he raises up the next generation of leaders. We have seen so many of the Generals in the Lord's Army go home to be with the Lord during the last ten year period. Whether you agree with their theology or not, these men have made an impact on the Body of Christ and are now home: Derek Prince and Kenneth Hagin in 2003, Pope John Paul II in 2005, Jerry Falwell and Rex Humbard in 2007, Oral Roberts in 2009, David Wilkerson in 2011, and Charles Colson in 2012, to name a few. The Lord is passing the torch to a younger generation of leaders. However, I believe that the new generation being raised up today will, in large part, be nameless and faceless and will be the greatest generation of Christian believers the world has ever seen. Watch for the signs including these deaths but also major world events that the Lord sends as He is marking a new season. If you have been walking in confusion

in the last months or are in a funk spiritually, it is because we are in transition from the one season to another and from one level to another, and we do not know yet what the new season is going to look like, even though we are right upon it. The Lord is giving us these markers to encourage us to prepare for what lies ahead.

I believe there is definitely increased demonic activity in our day. The oldest people here tonight understand this far better than the younger ones, because we grew-up in a society that still had a moral compass and a sense of peace. Increased demonic activity should not surprise us. The scriptures tell us in Revelation 12:12 that the devil is come down upon the earth in great wrath because he knows he has but a short time left. We need so desperately in this hour to know the power of spiritual warfare and we need to began to wrestle to the ground principalities that are over major areas of land.

Uzziah had been a good king. It is the belief of many that he was the last great king of the southern kingdom of Judah, and that after his death the glory of the Lord was no longer to be seen. I believe that America is in this same spiritual condition, not so much from the death of a great leader, but from our sin in allowing good to be called evil and evil to be called good (Isaiah 5:20). Because of his obedience, Israel had been blessed, and at his death,

the glory of Israel died out and has never been recovered to this day. Isaiah was so troubled by this good king's death, that he went to the temple to pray, and he discovers that the true king of Israel, the true king of the Body of Christ, is not dead.

I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

In spite of the CNN Headlines, in spite of the state of the economy, in spite of the increasing evil and violence in the world, we need to remind ourselves tonight that our God reigns, and He is sitting on His throne, high and lifted up. He is not nervous, and He is not wringing His hands. In fact, Psalm 2 tells us that He sits on His throne and laughs at those on earth who are taking counsel against Him and His anointed. He asserts that He will give His Son the nations for His inheritance, and He will dash these heathen nations to pieces. And He says something very significant to the Body of Christ, "Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are they who put their trust in Him" (Psalm 2:11-12) The number one prayer that I have for my own life is more intimacy with Jesus.

Historically, when a king defeated another king, he would behead him and then cut the train of his robe

off. He would then attach it to his own. The length of the king's train, therefore, showed how powerful he was and whom he has defeated.

You are the temple of God (1st Corinthians 3:16). Christ in you is the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). He said that, if He be lifted up from the earth, He would draw all men unto Him (John 12:32). Is He in your temple tonight? If so, are you lifting Him up before people? Remember that for those who know Him, really know Him, His train fills the temple, and that same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead is in you.

A few years ago the Lord began to speak to me about some remarkable visitations that we would experience. I think the requirement for us is two fold: one, having a real, genuine heart of worship, and two, walking in unity. That is why the enemy has fought so hard to keep us divided. I believe many here tonight will testify of being visited by the Lord and the angelic hosts. Whether we walk in visions of these visitations or we are called to walk in that company who are blessed because they have not seen and yet believe (John 20:29), I know the importance of being in His presence. For in His presence is fullness of joy (Psalm 16:11), and the joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10). I believe some here will see Him high and lifted up with His train filling the temple.

2. *Above it stood the seraphim; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he did fly.*

3. *And one cried unto another and said, "Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."*

I have often said that, if I could give the Body of Christ one revelation, it would be a revelation of how much the Lord loves each one of us. I wonder, however, if a greater revelation needed for this generation is the holiness of the Lord. We constantly compare ourselves to each other instead of to the Lord who is holy. When we begin to apprehend His holiness, we realize how our righteousness is utterly rags before the Lord (Isaiah 64:6). We have no good thing in us (Luke 18:19). He says that hatred, next to His holiness, is the same as murder (1st John 3:15-“Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer, and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.”) He also says that lust, next to His holiness, is the same as adultery (Matthew 4:28-“But I say unto you that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”) And Paul writes in 1st Corinthians 6:9-10 that adulterers will not inhabit the kingdom of God. **THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS.** I want to remind you tonight that you can never approach the throne of God because of who you are. You can only come

into His presence because you are in Christ and thus covered with His blood. Jesus Himself made that clear in John 14:6 when He says, “No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.” Because of the Blood, you can come boldly, but there is no other way to stand in His holiness!

4. *And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him who cried, and the house was filled with smoke.* The voice of him who cried is the voice of the seraphim as they cry, “Holy, holy, holy.” Seraph means *to burn*. We know little about seraphim from scripture, but apparently they burn with passion to protect the holiness of God. There is no compromise around His throne, no lukewarmness, no dryness.

5. *Then said I, Woe is me! For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.*

Everyone here tonight is undone and unclean. The Lord is holding back a day of visitation for many in this room tonight because we are not walking in the light of the Word of God. John the Apostle wrote in 1st John 1:7, “But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth [keeps on cleansing] us from all sin.” J. Vernon McGhee tells

us, “You have never really seen the Lord, my friend, if you feel that you are worthy or merit something or have some claim upon God.”

6. Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar.

The burning altar symbolizes the death of Jesus. The live coal symbolizes the cleansing blood. How precious is the blood!!! Hebrews 9:12-14 tells us, “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

7. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, “Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.”

Why does he put the burning coal on Isaiah’s mouth? Because the condition for cleansing is confession: *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness* (1st John 1:9)

8. *Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then said I, "Here am I; send me."*

Notice that the Lord does not call Isaiah until he is cleansed. Some of you here tonight have never felt the call of God because you have never been cleansed. But you can be cleansed and set free tonight by the blood of the Lamb.

Tonight the Lord is looking for those who will stand in the gap for this country. He says in Ezekiel 22:30, "I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none." Are you the one who will stand in the gap for the Lord? Will you totally surrender your life tonight to the Lordship of Christ Jesus? The time is short. The challenges are going to be fierce. The Babylonian system is going to fall before Jesus comes.

Epworth 2012 Introduction : 3 Points

1. Jesus is the Only Hero, the only Star here at Epworth 2012!

Once I was straying in sin's dark valley
No hope within could I see
But they searched through Heaven and found a
Savior
To save a poor lost soul like me.

Oh what a Savior, O Hallelujah
His heart was broken on Calvary
His hands were nail scared
His side was riven
He gave His life's blood for even me.

Death's chilly waters I'll one day be crossing
But His hand will lead me safely o'er.
Then I'll join that chorus in that great city.
I'll sing up there forever and ever more.

2. We must walk by faith in the coming days.

3. Dealing with Unforgiveness and Disunity.