

# My eyes have seen the King!

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1-13

At a time when there was political/social upheaval in Israel, the prophet Isaiah was given a vision of things that are heavenly. It was not some fantasy to help cope with reality. It was reality confronting Isaiah, helping him to put worldly affairs into perspective. It will one day be said, *“The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”* (Revelation 11:15 cp. Psalm 2). At times of worldly commotion, we should look up and refresh our minds and hearts with a clear vision of who is really in charge around here. We have three things to glean from Isaiah chapter six.

## **Vision – Isaiah 6:1-4 cp. Matthew 6:9-10**

Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up. We must keep our eyes on Christ (Hebrews 12:1-3). We need to continually behold his glory (II Corinthians 3:18). That concentration of our thoughts and affections will keep us from being drug down by the darkness of this world and transform us to Christlikeness (Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 3:1-5).

## **Remission – Isaiah 6:5-7 cp. Matthew 3:1-2**

Remission means “to send something away.” It is the opposite of admission, which means to let something in.” The better we grasp the holiness and majesty of God, the more we can understand and appreciate what it means to be a sinner (Psalm 5:4-5; Exodus 33:18-20). The purpose of the Law is not just to give us rules, but to reveal the holy character of God (Romans 7:14). Therefore, when we are confronted with the holiness of God, we are also confronted with the problem of our sin. Note Peter’s reaction when he beheld the greatness of Christ (Luke 5:8 cp. John, on the Isle of Patmos, in Revelation 1:9-18). There is no getting away from God. We cannot escape Him. Therefore, we must run to Him and receive the remission of sins through Christ (Acts 3:19; 10:43; Luke 24:46-47).

## **Mission – Isaiah 6:8-13 cp. Matthew 6:33**

The Lord delivers us from our sins for more than one purpose. Pity and compassion describe one of His motives (Lamentations 3:22-23; Titus 3:5). However, The Lord also has a purpose with a commission for us to fulfill (Romans 8:28-29; Ephesians 1:7-12; I Peter 2:9-10). We were saved to serve. Corporately, we have all received a commission to fulfill (Matthew 28:18-20). This commission can only be fulfilled as we work together through the Lord’s churches.

Isaiah’s calling would have many heart-breaking results. Please note that the effects of our ministry will not be all pleasant and positive for our fellow man (Matthew 7:13-14 ff; 10:17-22; John 15:18-21; II Corinthians 2:14-17 cp. I John 2:15-17).

## **Eyes on the King! – Isaiah 6:5**

We have noted the humility and confession of sin that Isaiah experienced when he realized that he was suddenly thrust into the majestic heavenly presence of the LORD. We have seen the grace that God gave to Isaiah, to purge his sin and give to give him a calling to serve. Through Scripture we need to keep our eyes on the King, so that we can serve Him in this ungodly world.

## **An Overflowing Heart – Psalm 45**

This mysterious, romantic psalm is thought to be a wedding psalm for a King. It is best to focus on how it applies to Christ as the King and a Bridegroom.

When Jesus said, “...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” He was referring to bad things of the heart and bad speaking (Matthew 12:34). In the case of Psalm 45, David has an abundance of good things to say from a heart that is overflowing with good things. This is the result of meditation in the Scriptures and prayer. What goes into the heart will determine what comes out of the mouth. In the King James Version, we are told, “My heart is inditing a good matter...” (**Psalm 45:1**). Do not confuse the word “*inditing*” with “*indicting*” – a legal term for bringing formal charges of crime against someone. To indite means “*to compose a poem.*” The Hebrew word means “*to be stirred, to boil up something, like a stew, to bubble up, like a fountain.*” The Hebrew word focuses on the sound of boiling, or bubbling. Have you ever woken up in the morning and heard someone frying bacon? Something good is about to happen – right? The statement, in Psalm 45:1, could be interpreted, “*My heart is cooking up some pleasant words about the King!*” Are our hearts busy cooking up anything to say that honors the LORD and encourages others to trust and follow Him? Psalm 45:6-7 is applied to Jesus Christ in Hebrews 1:8-9. So, let’s consider how this psalm is honoring Christ.

**Beautiful Savior – Full of Grace (Psalm 45:2, 8-9 cp. Psalm 29:1-2; Isaiah 33:17; John 1:14-17)**

**Glorious, Mighty Warrior (Psalm 45:3 cp. Isaiah 59:14-21; Revelation 19:11-21)**

**Victorious through Truth, Meekness and Righteousness (Psalm 45:4 cp. Matthew 11:28-30; John 14:6; I John 2:1-2)**

**The Power of His Word – like arrows (Psalm 45:5 cp. Matthew 8:16; 24:35; 28:18-20)**

**The Testimony of God – The Father (Psalm 45:6-7 cp. Hebrews 1:8-9; John 5:16-39; 8:12-59)**

**The King and His Bride – The Church (Psalm 45:10-15 cp. Ephesians 5:25-32; II Corinthians 11:2)**

**The King and His Royal Family (Psalm 45:16 cp. I Peter 2:9-10; Revelation 1:5-6)**

**The Perpetual Praise of the King (Psalm 45:17 cp. Psalm 22:30-31; 145:4; Philippians 2:6-11; 4:4)**