



GROWTH GUIDE

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Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

AUTHOR

Isaiah was written by the prophet, Isaiah, considered by many to be the greatest Old Testament prophet. He wrote from Jerusalem to the nation of Judah, calling them back to God and to prophecy about God's salvation through the Messiah. Chapters 1-39 were probably written around 700 B.C. and chapters 40-66 were probably written around 681 B.C.

CONTEXT

The office of prophet began during the days of Samuel, the last of the Judges. Prophets along with priests were God's special representatives. Their role was to speak for God. In the first part of the book, Isaiah calls Judah, Israel, and the surrounding nations to repent of their sins. In the scripture passage today, King Uzziah has died and Isaiah has a vision.

ENCOURAGEMENT

When we recognize God's greatness, confess our sins, and experience God's forgiveness, we have the power to do the work God has called us to.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Isaiah 6:1-8. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. Describe Isaiah's vision.
3. In Isaiah 6:3, how does the seraphim (angel) describe God?
4. How does this view of God compare to our culture's view of God?
5. Who would you describe as a modern day prophet and how does their message impact you?
6. What effect does unconfessed sin have on our life?
7. What was Isaiah's response after seeing the Lord and listening to the seraphim?
8. What was the response of the seraphim to Isaiah's confession?
9. What does it mean to live a holy life? What encourages this and what distracts from this?
10. When the Lord asked who he should send as a messenger to the people, what was the response?
11. Have you felt a calling on your life?
12. What would it mean to surrender to God and say, "Send me"?
13. Could you have the profound trust that Isaiah had in God?