

I See The Lord (Outline)

“The Lord is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God, who dwells on high, who humbles Himself to behold the things that are in the heavens and in the earth?” – Psalm 113:4-6

I. **The Psalmist asks a very profound question here in Psalm 113, “Who is like the Lord our God?”**

- a. **Who can compare to the God of Israel? Who can compare to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? Who is like the God of the Bible? – *No One***
 - i. There are many false gods in the world, however, there is only One true and living God...
 - ii. The Bible tells us that He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth and the seas and all that is in them
 - iii. He is gracious, merciful, compassionate, loving, patient, longsuffering, holy, righteous, just, personal, intimate, eternal, glorious, transcendent, powerful, and mighty, to name a few of His attributes
 - iv. The heavens are His dwelling place and the earth is His footstool – this is the God we serve
- b. **And sadly, so many people today (*even some Christians*), have an improper view and false concept of God**
 - i. They fail to “See the Lord” in the correct way which has been revealed to us in the Scriptures
 - ii. And because they fail to “See the Lord” in the correct way, they fail to give Him the praise, worship, and devotion He so justly deserves
 - iii. In his book The knowledge of the Holy, A.W. Tozer declared, ***“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us...your worship can go no higher than your knowledge of God...man’s spiritual history will positively demonstrate that no religion has ever been greater than its idea of God”***
 - iv. What comes into your mind when you think of God? What concept or view do you have of Him? How do you see the Lord?
- c. **This morning I want us to examine a portion of Scripture where we read of a prophet who saw the Lord**
 - i. A prophet who had a proper view of God, and because of this, he had a proper view of himself and a proper view of ministry
 - ii. The prophet’s name is Isaiah and his story is found in Isaiah Chapter 6

II. **Isaiah Chapter 6:1-4**

- a. **In the 6th chapter of Isaiah, the prophet retells his experience of how the Lord called him into the ministry**

- i. The prophet begins the chapter by telling us, “*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord...*”
- ii. The year was approximately 740 B.C., King Uzziah had been the King over Judah for 52 years
- iii. He is described as being a godly King who did what was right in the sight of the Lord
- iv. He was a very intelligent and powerful King who brought peace and prosperity to His people
- b. However, the Bible tells us that as King Uzziah’s Kingdom began to increase in strength, to his demise, the King’s Ego began to increase in pride
 - i. And sadly, his pride eventually led to his destruction...
 - ii. On one occasion, the Bible tells us that King Uzziah went into the Temple and attempted to offer incense on the altar of incense
 - iii. This was strictly forbidden by the Lord, you see, only priests were permitted to offer incense at the Temple
 - iv. Yet, because of his pride and arrogance, King Uzziah came to the point in his life where he thought he was bigger than God’s law
 - v. And because of his disobedience, he suffered the consequences – he was struck with leprosy and remained a leper until the day of his death
- c. Proverbs 16:18 declares, “...Pride goes before destruction...”
 - i. It is a very, very dangerous thing to be filled with pride...
 - ii. The Bible declares, “*God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble*” Cf. 1 Peter 5:5; James 4:6
 - iii. We must never forget that everything we have, everything we are, and everything we are able to do is simply by the grace of God – Amen.
 - iv. Precious Saints Stay Humble in the Kingdom of God

III. Therefore, Isaiah begins the chapter by telling us, “*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord...*”

- a. Now, I find it very interesting that the prophet Isaiah tells us that it wasn’t until King Uzziah died that he saw the Lord (*received his vision*)
 - i. I’m sure that when King Uzziah died Isaiah must have been concerned for his country’s safety (Judah)
 - ii. Would their enemies attack? Would there be a civil war? Would the people follow the new King after serving such a glorious King?
 - iii. I’m sure all these concerns, and much more, entered the mind of Isaiah, until finally, he was so overwhelmed that he went to the Temple to pray
- b. During his time of trial and difficulty, Isaiah did what every Christian should learn to do, “*Seek the Lord*”
 - i. As you go through times of trial and difficulty, it will either draw you closer to the Lord or draw you away from the Lord

- ii. It will cause you to seek the Lord or it will cause you to stray away from the Lord...
- c. Listen, trials, difficulties, and struggles will come, and when they do come, I simply want to encourage you to seek the Lord and find your strength in Him
 - i. He has promised us that He will never leave us nor forsake us, He has promised us that His mercy is never every morning, He has promised us that He will give us the peace which surpasses all understanding, He has promised us that His grace is sufficient...
- d. Trials will come, tears will be shed, hearts will be broken, but we must stand strong on the promises of God and find our *strength* in Him – “Run to Jesus”

IV. Therefore, in the year that King Uzziah died, Isaiah tells us, “I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple”

- a. The prophet Isaiah received a glorious vision of the Lord
 - i. He saw the King of Kings and Lord of Lords in all His glory, splendor, majesty, and beauty
 - ii. He saw the King who will never die, whose Kingdom will never end, who Reign will never cease, sitting on His throne in heaven
 - iii. He heard the Seraphim sing forth His praises, “*Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory*”
- b. Now, according to John 12:39-41, the King who Isaiah saw was none other than the King of Kings, the Lord Jesus Christ
 - i. It was the 2nd Person of the Trinity, God the Son, who appeared to Isaiah in this glorious vision
 - ii. For a brief moment, Isaiah was able to get a glimpse of the glory, splendor, and majesty of the Son of God – the Lord of host
 - iii. And notice, Isaiah doesn’t describe Him as a baby in a manger or a suffering Servant on a Cross, but as the exalted King, the Lord of host
 - iv. Isaiah had a proper view of Christ...
- c. And this morning, I ask the question, “How do you see the Lord?”
 - i. What is your concept and view of Jesus Christ?
 - ii. Do you see Him as a baby in a manger? Do you still see Him on the Cross? Do you see Him as the media portrays Him?
 - iii. Or, do you see Him as the Resurrected, Glorified Son of God?
- d. How do you see your Lord? What picture do you have of Jesus?
 - i. Listen, the way you see Jesus is going to affect everything about you – everything you do, everything you say, everywhere you go, etc.
 - ii. You must see Him for who He really is, in all His glory, majesty, splendor, wonder, and beauty
 - iii. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords who is seated at the right hand of the Father with all authority, power, & dominion at His control

- e. It is only when you have a proper view of Christ that you will have a proper view of yourself – *let's continue to read*

V. Isaiah Chapter 6:5-7

- a. As Isaiah saw the Lord in all his glory and splendor, he was able to see himself for who he really was – “Completely undone and wretched”
- The prophet Isaiah realized that he was nothing compared to the King – he was completely broken in the presence of the Lord
 - And with a heart of brokenness, Isaiah cried out, “*Woe is me, for I am undone*” – Isaiah recognized his unworthiness to be in the presence of the Lord...
- b. Sadly, in the church today, we have many “hot shot” Christians
- Christians who think it is God's privilege that they are serving Him...
 - With their attitude and actions, they say, “*God is so honored to have me apart of His family – He is so lucky that I am in ministry*”
 - Just because they have their titles, positions, degrees, and ministries, they began to think they are Superstars – “The Anointed One of God”
 - These Christians do not have a proper view of Christ...
- c. You see, when you have a proper view of Christ, you recognize, in and of yourself, you are nobody special and you have nothing to offer the Lord
- You recognize your unworthiness and become broken before Him, “*I am nothing Lord, I am nobody Lord, I am unworthy to serve You*”
 - John the Baptist had a proper view of Christ, and because of this, he had a proper view of himself
 - He declared concerning Christ, “*I am unworthy to loose His sandal strap...He must increase and I must decrease...*”
 - Interestingly, according to Jesus, John the Baptist was the greatest of all the prophets born from a woman...
- d. It was only until I realized that God didn't need me that I allowed God to use me – “Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven” Matt. 5:3
- Having a proper view of Christ allows you to have a proper view of yourself, but also, a proper view of ministry – *let's continue reading*

VI. Isaiah Chapter 5:8

- a. The prophet Isaiah receives his calling to the ministry
- The Holy Trinity gathered together for a meeting and they asked the question, “*Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?*”
 - They began searching for a person – a person who will be willing to abandon what they want to do and be completely obedient to what God wants them to do...
- b. And the Lord asks the question, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?”

- i. God does not need anybody, but He is willing to use anyone who is willing to respond to the calling and faithfully serve Him...
- ii. And the Lord asks the question, ***“Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us? Who will be our arms, our hands, our legs, our mouths?”***
- iii. Who shall we send to reach the homeless in Mexico City, who shall we send to minister to the Orphans in Guatemala, who shall we send to evangelize to the Muslims in Morocco
- iv. Who shall we send to work with the Royal Rangers and Missionettes, who shall we send to work with the Sunday School department, who shall we send to work in the parking lot ministry at Templo Victoria
- v. Whom shall we send...who will go for us...who can we use...
- c. **Immediately, the prophet Isaiah responded, “Here I am Lord, send me!”**
 - i. By Isaiah having a proper view of the Lord, he had a proper view of himself, and finally, he had a proper of ministry
 - ii. ***“Lord, I am nothing, but you are everything, and I know you are looking for someone to use, so here I am Lord, send me – use me to bring honor and glory to Your name”***
- d. **The Lord is looking for a “Person” to use and the question that I ask you this morning is this, “Will that Person be you?”**
 - i. This morning, like Isaiah, are you willing to say, ***“Here I am Lord, send me – use me in anyway, big or small, that will bring glory and honor to the Lord Jesus Christ”***

VII. I want to end by sharing a testimony I once heard about two missionaries

- a. Two young Moravian Christians heard about an Island in the West Indies where an Atheist British slave owner had three thousand slaves
- b. And the British slave owner said, ***“No preacher or missionary will ever stay on the Island. If their shipwrecked we’ll keep them in a separate house until they have to leave...they will never talk to any of us about God, I am through with all that nonsense.”***
- c. Three thousand slaves from the jungles of Africa were brought to an island in the Atlantic, and there to live and die without hearing about Jesus Christ
- d. Two young Moravian Christians heard about it, and they sold themselves to the British slave owner for they knew that that was the only way they could reach the Island and share Christ with the African slaves
- e. And as the ship was about to leave the port in Germany, the friends and families of the two young Christians came to the port to say goodbye to the young men who would never return
- f. This was not going to be simply a missionary trip, but they had sold themselves into a lifetime of slavery, simply that as slaves they could live as Christians where these other slaves where

- g. And at the port, the friends and families began to weep for they knew they would never see the young men again – they wondered why they were going and questioned the wisdom of it
- h. And as the boat began to leave the port and sail away, one of the young men linked his arm to his fellow brother, raised his hand to the sky, and shouted across the river the last words which were heard from them
- i. Those last words were these, “*May the Lamb that was slain, receive the reward of His suffering*”

VIII. **May the Lamb that was slain, receive the reward of His suffering**

- a. This is the only reason for living, that the Lamb that was slain may receive the reward of His suffering
 - i. He alone is worthy of all the power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessings
 - ii. He alone is worthy for me to say, “*Here I am Lord, send Me!*”