

Isaiah 6:1-8

Who is God?

A God of holy love.

God is Trinity – Father, Son, Spirit

King Uzziah was a good king. He came to be king of Israel at the age of 16, He died 52 years later, but no longer a good king.

“I saw the Lord” – His title is royalty.

There is a comparison between King Uzziah and God our King who is supreme and powerful.

People usually don't see the Lord.

When Moses saw God on Mt. Sinai, he couldn't see God's face. If he did he would die. He therefore had to turn his back and get a glimpse of God's glory.

But Isaiah saw the Lord – majestic and powerful.

Verse 2 – seraphim are purpose-built angels – purpose-built for being in the presence of God. They have extra wings to cover themselves.

“Holy, holy, holy” – When something needs to be emphasised in the Hebrew language, it is repeated.

Isaiah feels crushed by the holiness of God.

Verse 5 – “Woe is me ... I am in ruins ...” He is faced with the reality of God's presence.

Isaiah sees that he is covered in sin.

God is not only holy, He is LOVE. He sees our sin and forgives us.

Verses 6 – 7 – Love comes down from heaven to rescue Isaiah.

God's holiness is incompatible with our sin.

The altar is a place of sacrifice. A single coal touches Isaiah's lips. As soon as the coal touches his lips, he is atoned for.

It cost Jesus His life. Grace is given for free, but it's not cheap.

We have to admit how lost and flawed we are. We are so bad that only the death of the Son of God can save us. That's LOVE.

Verse 8 – Whom shall I send? Our response to what God has done for us should be to serve Him. We must not treat God's gift to us as nothing. What is our response?