

INSPIRATION FROM ISAIAH

***Great Visions of God
from Isaiah 1-45***

***Our Awesome God
Isaiah 6.1-13***

King Uzziah and the end of an era, v1

740BC *The end of a 52-year reign* **2 Chron 26**

- a successful king vs 4-15

but pride led to his downfall vs 16-21

1. God is Awesome in his

Consistent Perfection, vs 1-4

The king was still enthroned – in heaven v1,5

Be in awe of ...

- *God's elevation v1; 57.15*
away above and beyond us Eph 1.20
- *God's holiness v3*
separate from his creation 40.18,25
separate from all moral imperfection
1 John 1.5
- *God's glory v3*
fills the whole cosmos Ps 19.1; 8.1
Rom 1.20

But what about humanity – and our sinfulness? v5

2. God is Awesome in his

Cleansing Provision, vs 5-7

Isaiah is acutely aware of ...

- *his own sinfulness v5*

he trembled at his potential ruin

Isaiah is acutely aware that ...

- *his own words revealed his true sinfulness v5*

our words reveal the state of our heart

Mat 12.34-37

James 3.9-10; Eph 4.29; Mat 7.1-5

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Cleansing Provision, vs 5-7

Isaiah experienced the power of ...

➤ *God's cleansing grace vs6-7*

purged from the place of sacrifice

instantaneous cleansing

for heart as well as lips

made possible only through

God's coming Messiah John 1.29

1 Peter 1.20; 1 John 1.7-2.2

3. God is Awesome in his

Commissioning for Service, vs 8-13

- **God's choice of servants – sinners, not saints v8**
God takes the initiative – his grace
whom shall I send?
God looks for volunteers – our willingness
who will go for us?
- **God's choice of tasks – sometimes thankless**
preach to the unresponsive! vs 9-10
make people accountable
two options: compliance → healing
resistance → hardening
be persistent to the end! vs 11-13
- **God promises future hope v13; 11.1; John 12.41**