

Seraphim in Isaiah 6

God's Commissioning of Isaiah

A. The Date ¹ of the Commissioning. 6:1a

B. Isaiah's Vision of the Holiness and Glory of God. 6:1b-4

1. The exalted enthronement. 6:1b
2. The immensity of His robe. 6:1c
3. The attending seraphim. ² 6:2
 - a. Their position. 6:2a
 - b. Their description – 6 wings. 6:2b
 - 1) Humility –
 - 2) Modesty –
 - 3) Availability –
4. The pronouncement of one of the seraphim. 6:3
 - a. Yahweh's thrice-uttered character
 - b. The extensiveness of Yahweh's manifestation
5. The celestial impact of the seraph's pronouncement. 6:4
 - a. Upon the doorposts and thresholds (NIV1984)
 - b. Upon the temple itself

¹ Isa. 6:1 - In the year of King Uzziah's death: 6:1 - Some time in 739 B.C.

² Isa. 6:2 - seraphim: This is the plural of *saraph* (saw-rawf ') ([8314](#)). This refers (1) to fiery serpents (Num. 21:6, 8; Deut. 8:15); to flying serpents (Isa. 14:29; 30:6); together these seem to be like dragons; (2) to (presumably) fiery angelic beings possessing six wings, of a high order of intelligence worshiping God and proclaiming his holiness and global glory (Isa. 6:2, 6).

C. The dismayed assessment of Isaiah. 6:5

1. His ruin:
2. His impurity:
3. Judah's impurity:
4. The disqualifying moment:

D. The cleansing of Isaiah. 6:6-7

1. The movement of a seraph (6:6a):
2. The possession of the seraph (6:6b):
3. The painful action of the seraph (6:7a):
4. The pronouncement of the seraph (6:7b):

E. The commission of Isaiah. 6:8-13

1. The question of the Lord. 6:8a
2. The response of Isaiah. 6:8b
3. The assignment for Isaiah. 6:9-13

F. Follow up questions

1. What have you learned about seraphim?
2. How would you assess yourself?
3. How would you assess your church?
4. Have you been cleansed?
5. What commission does God have for you?
6. How have you responded?