

# “What Does God See in Me?”

Based on Isaiah 6:1-8 (NIV)

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## Isaiah 6:1-4

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.

2 Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

3 And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

4 At the sound of their voices the door posts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

† **Seraphs are a type of angel whose function is to serve God and execute God's will.**

† **Isaiah has here a vision of the greatness and the glory of God.**

*Isaiah 6:5 - "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."*

† **The closer I walk with God, the more quickly I feel my sin and realize how much I need God.**

† **Am I able to look up close and see my flaws?**

## Isaiah 6:6-7

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

7 With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

† **The coal was a token of forgiveness since fire symbolized cleansing and purification in the Old Testament.**

† **"atoned for" = making amends or repairing damage I have done.**

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† **God's goodness and greatness are demonstrated in the cleansing of my sin.**

† **Cleansing only comes after confessing my sins to God.**

*Isaiah 6:8 - Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*

† **God says to me "Whom shall I send?"**

† **God gives me a choice to say, "Here am I. Send me!"**

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† **God is there to see everyday, if I look.**

† **God sees in me someone who God loves and God can use.**

## **Applying Today's Message to My Life:**

† How close am I to God? Keeping my distance or very close?

† What are my, as Isaiah puts it, "Unclean lips" (the unclean, dirty dark secrets) in my life?

- Have I faced them with God's help?

† When have I "seen" God?

† How can I follow Isaiah's example this week in saying to God "Here am I. Send me!"?