

# Here Am I, Send Me!

## Baptism Service

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### Isaiah 6:1-8

This passage doesn't give us a list of explanations for all our questions about God but it does give us a glimpse of God's greatness that puts a lot of things into perspective!

#### I. We'll Never See or Know all there is to See and Know about God but He Gives us Glimpses of it

All these glimpses we get in the Bible remind us that God is not like us. One of the biggest ways that He's not like us is the fact that He's holy, powerful and worthy of worship!

That holiness becomes the framework and context in which we can actually start to see ourselves as we really are because it's our nature to think much more highly of ourselves than we ought.

#### II. Those Glimpses of God are Not Primarily for Information but for Our Transformation – so that We Can See Our True Condition before God

**Isaiah 6:5** “Then I said, ‘Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.’”

The most natural and appropriate response to seeing more of who God really is, is being **UNDONE** and being made painfully aware of just how sinful we are!

No one made Isaiah respond the way he did. It's just what came out of his mouth when seeing God!

The Hebrew word for “undone” literally means cut off, destroyed, or cut down.

But we have a merciful God who doesn't just leave us cut down and undone. That condition is simply preparation for what God wants to do **FOR** us that we could never do for ourselves.

**Isaiah 6:6-7** “Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with one of the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said; ‘Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is purged.’”

#### III. God Himself is the Only One Who Could Ever Bridge the Gap Between His Holiness and Our Sinfulness

Look at Isaiah **53:3-11**.

Now see how this great sacrifice should affect us!

**Isaiah 6:8** “Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I! Send me.’”

#### **IV. When You’re Grippled with What He’s Done for You in His Son, Jesus Christ – You’ll Want to Live for Him!**

We’ve been asking God to make us a generation of Christians who have the courage to stand, the confidence to speak up, and a heart that’s willing to sacrifice because of the TRUTH of God’s Word, the MISSION of God’s Church, and the MERCY of God’s Son- Jesus Christ!

Yes, we’re still sinners and we’re still selfish or scared at times, but there’s also NO greater joy than telling other people about Jesus and the hope that we have!