

I. Isaiah is the Preeminent Writing

Prophet

- A. Greatest breadth of material
- B. Greatest literary skill
- C. Greatest insight into God's long term plan of salvation
 - 1. Isaiah's name means "salvation is in the Lord"
 - 2. More New Testament quotes from Isaiah than all the other prophets combined

II. Isaiah's Call (Isaiah 6)

- A. Note that this is a vision which, by nature, is to be understood symbolically
- B. Key points of the vision
 - 1. **The Lord on the Throne**
 - a) Throne speaks of active authority
 - b) Picture presents the Lord as the undisputed King of the world
 - c) Two key words come out of this
 - (1) King
 - (2) Sovereign
 - d) For Isaiah, the Lord is the only king to be concerned about
 - 2. **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts**
 - a) Isaiah experiences the holiness of God
 - (1) Intellectual - He heard what the seraphim said
 - (2) Emotional - He felt the reality of absolute purity

Assignment:

Read Isaiah 13-27

As you read about what the Lord says to the nations, note particularly the emphasis on the problem of pride

- b) To Isaiah, the Lord is the Holy one of Israel
 - c) The holiness of the Lord was horrifying
 - (1) *Woe is me* - Words of extreme distress
 - (2) Reason - *I am unholy and therefore condemned*
 - (a) Hopeless
3. **Saving power of God**
- a) Isaiah acknowledges his condition
 - (1) No attempt to hide
 - (2) No attempt to save himself
 - b) The Lord delivers
 - (1) Coal touching the lips - painful cleansing
 - c) God for Isaiah is the Redeemer
 - (1) Delivers from helpless distress
 - d) Great message of Isaiah is a message of faith
 - (1) No matter what your condition, the right thing is to go back to the Lord for deliverance
 - (a) Do not hide
 - (b) Do not try and save yourself
4. **Who will go for Us?**
- a) Go tell them what I have said even though they do not listen
 - b) Continue until the land is uninhabited