



Filling My Sanctuary
Isaiah 6:1-4

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- Lord Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary, for You

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 - What is a sanctuary according to the Bible?
 - In its widest, richest sense, God's sanctuary is wherever we experience God
 - It is the place where our heart is
 - On Sunday a church building becomes a sanctuary as God's people gather and make up the building blocks of God's spiritual temple (*2 Corinthians 6:16; 1 Peter 2:5*)
- Let me give you another word for a sanctuary
 - Disciple

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- We have been examining the question, “What is a disciple of Jesus?” for the past few weeks
 - We have seen that a disciple is one that hears the call from Jesus to, “Come and follow me, and in the course of coming and following I will begin to make you or transform you to look more like Me”
 - But this only describes what we do, not really what we are as born-again disciples

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- **1st Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV**, “19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”
 - **MSG**, “Or didn’t you realize that your body is a sacred place, the place of the Holy Spirit? Don’t you see that you can’t live however you please, squandering what God paid such a high price for?”
- As a sanctuary or temple of God, what are you filling it with?

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- The Prophet Isaiah's sanctuary had become one full of hurt and disappointment, sorrow and the whys and if onlys of life
- He had put his hopes and dreams for Israel on good King Uzziah, and then became greatly disappointed in him and maybe God's response
- What is the answer for Isaiah?
 - The same answer for you this morning

Scripture

- **Isaiah 6:1-4 NIV**, In the year that King Uzziah died,
 - **2nd Kings 14:1-4 NIV**, In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah (*Uzziah*) son of Amaziah king of Judah began to reign. 2 He was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-two years. His mother's name was Jekoliah; she was from Jerusalem. 3 He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father Amaziah had done. 4 The high places, however, were not removed; the people continued to offer sacrifices and burn incense there.

Scripture

- **Isaiah 6:1-4 NIV**, In the year that King Uzziah died,
 - **2nd Chronicles 26:5 NIV**, 5 He sought God during the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear (*vision*) of God. As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success.
 - **Vs. 8**, his fame spread as far as the border of Egypt, because he had become very powerful.
 - **Vs. 12**, an army of 307,500 men trained for war
 - **Vs. 15**, His fame spread far and wide, for he was greatly helped until he became powerful.

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 - **Vs. 16**, But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense.
 - **Vs. 19**, Uzziah, who had a censer in his hand ready to burn incense, became angry. While he was raging at the priests in their presence before the incense altar in the Lord's temple, leprosy broke out on his forehead.

Scripture

- **Isaiah 6:1-4 NIV**, In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne (*authority, remember what Jesus said in Matthew*);
 - and the train of his robe (*the radiance of His glory*) filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying (*going throughout the whole area with the same message*).

Scripture

- **Isaiah 6:1-4 NIV**, 3 And they were calling to one another:
 - “Holy, holy, holy (*three holies for absolute and complete*) is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”
 - 4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook (*from the truth and power of their message*) and the temple was filled with smoke (*because it was too perfect for sinful mankind to gaze upon*).

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- What is filling your sanctuary, Christians?
 - What are you allowing to seep into your Sanctuary from the grind of living in this sinful world?
 - What thoughts are you harboring in your Sanctuary that prevents the glory of God from filling it completely?
 - What opinions are you allowing to stay and fester tainting your Sanctuary?

I must stop and take stock of what I am allowing in my sanctuary

- So, what had Isaiah been filling his Sanctuary with?
 - Disappointment
 - He was disappointed that a good King he trusted was dead and did not know what they next king would be like, uncertainty of life
 - He was disappointed in a good king he trusted and admired sinning in a great way
 - He may have been disappointed at God's response

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- So how did God handle His servant?
 - Did He come to him with a pointing finger of condemnation?
 - Did He tell Isaiah to pick himself up by his own bootstraps and think differently?
 - Did He just tell him to just be a big boy, put his big boy pants on and get over it that since that's the way life is?
- God knew Isaiah loved Him, knew Isaiah longed for God to be worshipped but He also know Isaiah needed a fresh vision of truth

God gave His struggling servant a fresh vision of the God of Israel

- God isn't giving Isaiah new information, but refreshing, renewing, reminding Isaiah who really commands Israel
- Isaiah look to the true God of Israel and not the circumstances swirling around you
 - Your circumstances will fade over time, what your eyes see will change over time
 - Open your spiritual eyes Isaiah and see ME
 - **Isaiah 6:3-4 NIV**, 3 "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." 4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook, and the temple was filled with smoke.

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- There is no such word for hopeless in God's vocabulary
- Look around Isaiah, you believed Israel was full of the glory of Uzziah
 - But all of creation is full of the Glory of God, My glory
 - I created it, I sustain it, I own it – not Uzziah
 - If I can do these things you can see, can I not hold and sustain you Isaiah, can I not hold and sustain the Israel you love?
 - Isaiah, did the doorpost and threshold of heaven shake at the praise of Uzziah's name?

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- Look at all of Uzziah's successes, where did they come from?
 - **2nd Chronicles 26:5 NIV**, As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success.
 - Isaiah, am I missing from my throne?
 - No and I never will be
 - King Uzziah is dead Isaiah, but the true King of Israel is still on His throne and always will be

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- There will be periods in our lives where we need a fresh look at our Savior Jesus Christ
 - It's easy to get disappointed, awash in grief, overwhelmed with confusion
 - We must stop and Witness His love for us again on the cross, Hear His words of comfort in Scripture, Sense His presence in our lives
 - We must be reminded who He is and who we are in Him

God renewed His call to His struggling servant

- **Isaiah 6:8 NIV**, 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!”
 - Who will stand in this dark world for us?
 - Who will allow themselves to see the glory of God in His sanctuary and live through their faith?
 - Who has the courage to train their children in the way they should go?
 - Who has the courage to let go and let Us make them into our Disciples?
 - Who has the courage to just say, “Yes, Lord!”?

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 - Isaiah, “Here am I.”, See me as I am, You know what your getting God—Send me!”
 - Where is Isaiah’s disappointment, hopelessness, sorrow?
 - It was swallowed up in the fresh vision of the true God of Israel on His throne

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- We are no different than Isaiah
 - We get down, discouraged, frustrated, hopeless...
 - Our Heavenly Father does not point accusing fingers at us in condemnation
 - Jesus understands we need a fresh look, fresh vision of our Savior
 - We need to be reminded of who He is and what He has done
 - We need to be reminded of who we are in Him
 - We need to be reminded of all His precious promises to us
 - And we need to begin filling our Sanctuary, with the glory of Jesus Christ



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