

## Sermon Notes – May 31, 2015, Pastor Alan Smith

### “Send Me!”

When you go to a show, movie, or concert you usually go with a certain amount of expectation. Maybe someone told you how great a movie was and then you went expecting to see a great movie. How do we come to worship? Do we come expecting to meet God? Feel His presence and have an encounter with Him? Do you come expecting to be bored or entertained? Do you have any expectations?

Isaiah had a vision of the temple. In that vision God was there. It was a time that the angels were worshipping God:

**Isaiah 6: 1-4** It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. 2 Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 They were calling out to each other, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven’s Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!” 4 Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke.

Let’s look at some of the elements of this time of worship in the temple:

We see that this scene is full of awe. We know that during our time of worship there should be a sense of awe of who God is.

**Psalm 68:35 (NLT) — 35 God is awesome in his sanctuary. The God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!**

**Psalm 96:9 (NLT) — 9 Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor. Let all the earth tremble before him.**

The angels were calling out to each other praise about God. They weren’t quiet about it either their voices shook the temple! Praise should always be a part of our worship!

**Hebrews 13:15 (NLT) — 15 Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name.**

**Psalm 150:1–6 (NLT) — 1 Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heaven! 2 Praise him for his mighty works; praise his unequalled greatness! 3 Praise him with a blast of the ram’s horn; praise him with the lyre and harp! 4 Praise him with the tambourine and dancing; praise him with strings and flutes! 5 Praise him with a clash of cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals. 6 Let everything that breathes sing praises to the LORD! Praise the LORD!**

**Revelation 7:11–12 (NLT) — 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God. 12 They sang, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength belong to our God forever and ever! Amen.”**

Yes we praise Him not only with our voices but with a variety of instruments! Our worship can also be with our faces to the ground. Bowing down to our God and praising Him. When we worship it should be with gratitude in our hearts; realizing all that God has done for us.

**Psalm 100:4 (NLT) — 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.**

**Philippians 4:6 (NLT) — 6 Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.**

Not only with thanksgiving but we should worship with Joy in our hearts. It’s that joy that comes from knowing the love God has for us.

**Psalm 100:2 (NLT) — 2 Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.**

One thing that worship should do is convict us of the sin in our life.

**Isaiah 6:5-7 Then I said, “It’s all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.” 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 He touched my lips with it and said, “See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven.”**

We see Isaiah realizing his situation. He knew that he wasn’t without sin and the Israelites were sinful too. When we come to the Lord in an attitude of worship we will examine our hearts and know that we are sinners in need of forgiveness. Look how great our God is in this scripture. One of the angels of God took a coal from the altar and touched Isaiah’s lips. In this act God made Isaiah pure and

forgave his sins. He took the guilt away! We come to worship a holy God and a loving God. God sent His son to be our savior. Jesus paid our debt of sin. We need to realize that we all fall short of God's standard.

Paul wrote to Timothy.

**1 Timothy 1:15 15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.**

With God there is forgiveness!

**1 John 1:9 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

How do we respond to this forgiveness? Let's look at Isaiah and his reaction.

**Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."**

God is here. God speaks to us if we listen and come to worship with the expectation of seeing Him here today. Is that what we did today? Did we come expecting to hear from God? Did we prepare ourselves by having an attitude of worship when we came here? Can you hear speaking to you now?

Is He asking you the question, **"Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?"** Are you ready to say, here I am send me? Let's commit ourselves to His service today!