

Sunday School Lesson

September 7, 2025

Isaiah's Call and Ministry

Isaiah 6:1-8; 38:1-5

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Questions for Us Today

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Have you received a call on your life?

Have you accepted it? If so, how?

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To understand this Call to Isaiah, how he responded and an example of his ministry.

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Points of Information – Isaiah

Isaiah (the son of Amoz, *not* the Prophet Amos) was a great and Major Prophet, whose ministry spanned around 60 years and five kings. Isaiah's name means "The Lord is salvation."

Isaiah is quoted over 60 times in the New Testament (including by Christ Jesus) and mentioned by name over 20 times.

Points of Information – Isaiah

When Jesus was handed the Scriptures, during a return to the temple in Nazareth, He was given the Book of Isaiah. Our Savior opened it, read from Isaiah 61:1-2 and proclaimed that He – the Messiah – was the fulfillment of that Scripture. This episode is told in Luke 4:16-21.

The Gospel according to Matthew (12:18-21) says that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Servant message by quoting Isaiah 42:1-4.

Points of Information – Isaiah

The Book of Isaiah is sometimes called the “Bible in Miniature.” This is (partially) because this Book has 66 Chapters and our Bible has 66 Books.

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Our Bible has 39 Books in the Old Testament and 27 Books in the New Testament.

The Book of Isaiah has 39 Chapters regarding the Law, government and judgment of God and 27 Chapters about the grace, comfort and salvation of the Lord.

Points of Information – Isaiah

Contemporaries of Isaiah included Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh and the Prophets Hosea and Micah.

Isaiah was married to a prophetess and had at least two sons.

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The earlier Chapters of the Book of Isaiah show how God's people were violating the Covenant with Him. The Prophet warned them of the consequences.

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In the second Chapter of the Book of Isaiah, it is written that this prophet had a Word from the Lord [particularly] for Judah and Jerusalem.

God anointed Isaiah to look into the future.

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God's punishment was to come. Yet, through His mercy, there would be a remnant.

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2 Chronicles 26:16-21 tells us that King Uzziah was overcome with pride. He aimed to burn incense in the sanctuary of the temple, which only the priests were permitted to do. The king was then stricken with leprosy and died.

Isaiah 6:1 (NIV)

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

Isaiah 6:2

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.

Isaiah 6:3

And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory.”

Isaiah 6:4

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

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.”

Isaiah 6:6

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

Isaiah 6:7

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

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!”

Points of Information – Hezekiah

Hezekiah (whose name means “Jehovah is strength”) was a noble King of the Southern Kingdom of Judah who succeeded his father, King Ahaz. Hezekiah’s son Manasseh succeeded him.

The chief advisor for Hezekiah was the Prophet Isaiah.

Points of Information – Hezekiah

Hezekiah was a praying man. When Isaiah told him he was going to die, this king prayed to the Lord.

As a result, God gave him fifteen more years to live. Isaiah 38:1-5.

Isaiah 38:1

In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, “This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.”

Isaiah 38:2

Hezekiah turned his face to the wall
and prayed to the LORD,

Isaiah 38:3

“Remember, LORD, how I have walked before You faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in Your eyes.”

And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

Isaiah 38:4

Then the Word of the LORD came to
Isaiah:

Isaiah 38:5

“Go and tell Hezekiah, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says:

I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life’.”

Remember this:

The Lord has something for each of us to do.

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