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# Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**  
Amid the darkness of sin, the light of God's grace shines brightest

**POEM FOR THE WEEK:**  
Upon my life shed forth Thy grace,  
Till others seek Thy loving face;  
Oh, may no thing be seen in me  
To cause a soul to stray from Thee!  
—Roberts

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:**  
*And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged."*  
(Isaiah 6:7 NKJV)  
*(from "Our Daily Bread", Dec 16, 2010)*

**Series: God's Urgent Call**  
**UNIT: Calling of Prophets**

**NEXT WEEK**  
**Jeremiah**  
**(Jer 1:4-10)**

## Moses / Isaiah Exodus 3:1-12 / Isa 6:1-8

**Aim and Application of the Lesson**

The lesson reviews the vision given and the call of God received by **Isaiah**. The **study's aim** is to illustrate that God often calls to special service those who have already shown themselves faithful. The **study's application** is to teach that we can best prepare for a call from God by having a walk of faith and obedience.

*(Adapted from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator Commentary)*

**Lesson Introduction and Background**

Isaiah 6 records Isaiah's vision of the Lord and the prophet's response to it. We often label this chapter the call of Isaiah. However, the Lord simply asked a question, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" and Isaiah volunteered. Isaiah's ready response is instructive, especially in light of what preceded it. Isaiah's willingness to go wherever the Lord sent him was based on what he saw and experienced in the Lord's presence. In the vision he saw the majesty and holiness of the Lord on His throne. The seraphim who attended Him proclaimed His holiness and declared that the "whole earth is full of his glory" (Isa. 6:3). Isaiah also saw his own sinfulness. Even a glimpse of God's holiness makes us painfully aware of our own sin. When Peter, against all the rules of fishing, followed Jesus' advice and caught an overwhelming number of fish, he suddenly was struck by the Lord's holiness and said, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (Luke 5:8). Isaiah felt the same way when he saw the holiness of God, and he said, "Woe is me!" (Isa. 6:5). However, Isaiah also saw something else in his vision. He saw the Lord symbolically cleansing him of his sin. The assurance of God's forgiveness, particularly in light of Isaiah's sinfulness, led to his willing response. Isaiah was not "coerced into service; rather, his will makes its ready response a grateful reaction to God's forgiving grace" (Barker and Kohlenberger, eds., The Expositor's Bible Commentary, Abridged, Zondervan). Isaiah's answer to the question of the Triune God ("us") was, "Here am I; send me." He did not wait to see whether anyone else would step forward. No other response to the holy God who had forgiven him was acceptable. A man named Simon wanted to "serve" the Lord because of the power and authority he saw wielded by the apostles. His attitude brought a severe rebuke from Peter and a call for repentance (Acts 8:18-24). Paul spoke of insincere men who were motivated by envy and strife to preach Christ (Phil. 1:15-16). Sadly, as we have discovered in our own day, there are those who proclaim themselves servants of Christ but are motivated by money, power, and prestige. They are not true messengers of Christ but rather manipulators of people. Isaiah was offered none of these things. In fact, the Lord went on to tell Isaiah his message would be met with hard-hearted rejection (Isa. 6:9-10). Isaiah, however, did not waver in his commitment to proclaim God's message. Isaiah was motivated purely by gratitude for God's mercy and grace, and so it should be for us. We are not to wait for a divinely given vision to call us into God's service. We have the completed Word of God today, and it calls all of us to serve the Lord and take His message of salvation to the world. That same Word reveals to us the holiness of God, our own sinfulness, and the forgiveness we can experience through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. That knowledge alone should motivate us to stand up and say voluntarily, "Here am I; send me. Send me wherever You want. I want no reward but the reward of knowing I am pleasing You."

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## NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

### God's Divine Plan (Exodus 3:5-10)

*Being in God's presence is always a holy experience (5)*  
Holy because God is holy (1 Peter 1:14-16)  
*It is always in God's plan to reveal Himself to man (6)*  
Revelation of God's will (Eph 1:9)  
*God's plan always contains deliverance for His people (7-9)*  
Deliverance through grace (2 Tim 1:8-9)  
*When God reveals His plan to man, He has a part for man to do (10)*  
God delivers us for a purpose (Jer 15:11)

### God's Divine Assurance (Exodus 3:11-12)

*Man tends to always have an excuse for not doing God's will (11)*  
Moses gave the excuse that he couldn't talk (Ex 4:10-12)  
*God's assurance is that He will always be with His people (12)*  
God will never forsake His people (Deut 31:6)  
*Man's response to God's assurance is to be obedient and serve God (12)*  
Our response should be to be thankful and worship God (Heb 12:28)

### Isaiah's Vision (Isa 6:1-4)

*Majesty of God (1)*  
God is majestic because nothing can contain Him (I King 8:27)  
God is majestic because there is nowhere we can go from His presence (Ps 139:7-10)  
God is majestic because there is no one or thing like Him (Exod 15:11)  
God is majestic because of His great power and strength (Eph 1:18-21)  
God is majestic because He is worthy and deserves it (Rev 4:8-11)  
*Praise of God (2-4)*  
God must be praised because of His acts of power and greatness (Ps 150:1-6)  
God must be praised because of His righteousness (Ps 7:17)  
God must be praised because He counsels and instructs us (Ps 16:7)  
God must be praised because He is our rock, fortress and deliverer (Ps 18:2-3)  
God must be praised because He lives (Ps 18:46)  
God must be praised because of His mercy (Ps 28:6-7)  
God must be praised because it is fitting (Ps 33:1-4)  
God must be praised because He is our hope (Ps 42:5)

### Isaiah's Call to Service (Isa 6:5-8)

*Recognition of unworthiness (5)*  
Recognizing the sin in our life makes us unworthy (Luke 5:8)  
Recognizing that we have put others before God makes us unworthy (Matt 10:37-38)  
Recognizing that we have preferred earthly thing instead of God makes us unworthy (Matt 22:8)  
Recognizing that we may have rejected God makes us unworthy (Acts 13:46)  
*Cleansing by God (6-7)*  
Cleansed by shedding of Jesus blood (Heb 9:22)  
Cleansing of acts that lead to death (Heb 9:13-14)  
Cleansed by coming near to God (James 4:8)  
Cleansed by focusing on and doing righteousness (Isa 1:16-17)  
Cleansed by the word of God (1 Tim 4:5)  
Cleansed by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:11)  
Cleansed by our heart being sprinkled by God through faith (Heb 10:22)  
Cleansed by the blood of the Lamb (Rev 7:14)  
*The appropriate response (8)*  
Making ourselves available (Here I am)  
Available by first giving ourselves to God (2 Cor 8:5)  
Available by submitting to God (2 Chron 30:8)  
Available by offering ourselves to God as an instrument of righteousness (Rom 6:13)  
Available by living to the Lord because we belong to Him (Rom 14:8)  
Available by honoring God with our body (1 Cor 6:19-20)  
Becoming a living sacrifice and servant of God (Send me)  
By offering our whole self to God (Rom 12:1)  
By being renewed daily inwardly (2 Cor 4:16)  
By continually offering to God a fruit of the lips which should be a sacrifice of praise (Heb 13:15)  
By being a living stone in the spiritually house of God (1 Peter 2:5)  
By being a slave of righteousness (Rom 6:16)