



## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

*Becoming More Christ-like... by Billy*

### **READ ISAIAH 6:1-8**

- Notice how Isaiah is transformed by the vision. The vision of God's holiness awakens within him a sense of his sinfulness.
- After he is touched by God his focus is no longer on himself (*woe is me*) but on the purpose/mission of God (*here I am send me*).
- Many of us feel the need to stay in a place where we can be free from conceit and self-confidence so that our reliance on God will be secured.
- The difficulty arises when we choose to linger in a place of '*woe is me*' instead of going out in surrender to God.
- "To go out in surrender to God means the surrendering of the miserable sense of my own unimportance. Am I willing to surrender this for the great big purpose that God has for me? Am I willing to surrender the fact that I am an ignorant, useless, worthless, too-old person? There is more hindrance to God's work because people cling to a sense of unworthiness than because of conceit." (*Oswald Chambers*)
- Are we willing to go out of this carnal mindset into one which is spiritual?
- Isaiah's perspective was changed from *woe is me* to *here am I send me*.
- He began to concentrate on spiritual realities; not only what he could see of his own sinfulness but also the unseen realm of God's provision. God would provide for his cleansing and his future conduct.
- Many of us are familiar with *Phil.4:8* : Whatever is true, honourable, right, pure, lovely, of good report, excellent and praiseworthy- think on these things.
- Instead of focusing on what we are in the natural; false, shameful, wrong, defiled, ugly, worthy of criticism, etc., we are encouraged to think about the very opposite of what we are.
- As we begin to identify with the new nature of Christ within us and as we continue to apply His provision in our daily attitudes and decisions, we will become more Christ-like and less like our old selves.

## WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

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### Extra Services

*If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:*

#### ► Crèche and Pre-school Praise

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 3-7 years old in the Crèche (as arranged).

#### ► Sunday School

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

*Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11)*

#### ► Tea and Coffee

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2).

