



Encounter The Spiritual

Isaiah 6:1-8

Blessed New Year 2023

To grow as **disciples of Christ**:

that **Christ be Lord** of our life

that we **love God**

that we **love people**

Becoming mature in Christ

Encountering God in our daily life



Encountering God

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. Is 6:1

The year King Uzziah died – 739BC (52 years reign)

In the Temple – intentionally into His presence

Saw the Lord

Raah – Encounter the Lord

Have we encountered the Lord this morning?

The Reality of the Unseen Spiritual

The Presence of God:

Real

Spiritual

Unseen



The Experience
of Isaiah



For this we are created:

To live in the unseen spiritual reality

Living in the Unseen Reality

He who **dwells** in the shelter of the Most High will **abide** in the shadow of the Almighty. Ps 91:1

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it **abides** in the vine, neither can you, unless you **abide** in me. Jn 15:4

And we all, with unveiled face, **beholding** the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed** into the same image from one degree of glory to another. 2 Cor 3:18

Disciples of Christ: live, dwell and abide in this reality

Becoming: changed and transformed

The Problem: Ignoring the Unseen

Just living in the physical – ignoring God (even the Israelites)

Our reality - what we see, hear, smell, taste and touch

Else, we ignore, neglect or find it hard to connect

Preoccupied with things of the world

Overwhelmed with the struggles of the physical



The Unseen Spiritual is More Real

Spiritual reality is more real than physical reality

Before the physical was the spiritual

In the beginning God created ... Gen 1:1

The seen is temporary, the unseen is eternal

It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body 1 C15:44

Christ's disciples:

are to be found in this unseen world

connected and living in this unseen reality

Entering into the Spiritual

Isaiah entered into the temple where God was present.

What is involved in entering into God's presence?

- **Believe** in the spiritual world
- **Be aware** that we are spiritual beings
- **Connect** with the spiritual (God) by faith
- **Relate** and talk to God
- **Abide**, dwell and live in Him

Live as a spiritual being – every day, throughout the day

Experiencing God

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Holy

Glorious

Powerful

When this is life, then physical problems not so big

We are created to live with God and to live in God

For in Him we live and have our being. Acts 17:28

More than Just Seeing God

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. ³ And they were calling to one another:

“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.

Angels Visions Voice Touch Healing
Love Comfort

Seeing God is Seeing my Wretchedness

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.”

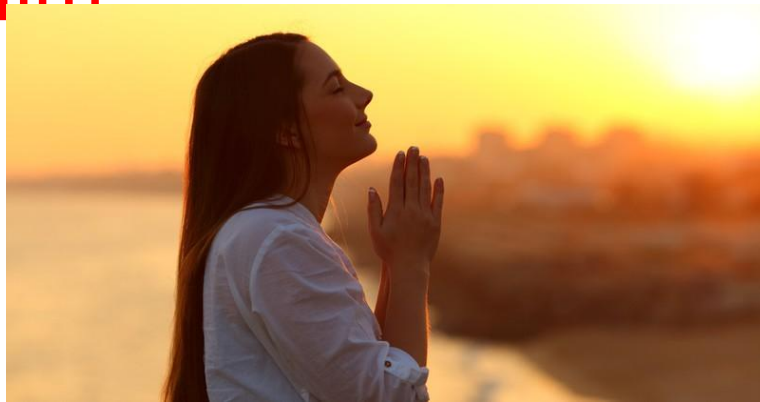
⁶ *Then one of the seraphim flew to me with **a live coal** in his hand, which he had taken with tongs **from the altar.** ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”*

Hearing from God & Responding to Him

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!”

When we encounter God, life becomes a
respond to Him



Conclusion

As disciples encountering the spiritual, we need:

- To **enter** into His presence.
- To **see** Him and **experience** Him.
- To **be cleansed** by the blood of Christ.
- To **hear** His voice and **respond** to it.

