

SERMON NOTES
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A Hard, Holy, Hopeful Life:
Why should I volunteer?
Isaiah 6:1-8

“Thro’ many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
‘Tis grace hath bro’t me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.”
–John Newton

HARD

- Circumstances are hard (Uzziah’s death, v. 1)
- Meeting God is hard (conviction of sin, v. 5)
Job 42:5-6 ⁵“I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; But now my eye sees You; ⁶Therefore I retract, And I repent in dust and ashes.”
- Serving God is hard (most will not listen, vs. 9-10)

HOLY (v. 2)

HOPE (v. 13)

Why should I volunteer? – v. 8

1. God is! (Hebrews 10:6)
2. You want to! (Ecclesiastes 3:11)
3. It is the only thing that will last! (Matthew 16:26)

Psalm 110:3 Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to You *as* the dew.

Isaiah 6

¹ In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.

² Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called out to another and said,

"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts,
The whole earth is full of His glory."

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. ⁵ Then I said,

"Woe is me, for I am ruined!
Because I am a man of unclean lips,
And I live among a people of unclean lips;
For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷ He touched my mouth *with it* and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven."

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"