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When God becomes a Reality

Isaiah 6:1-13

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. 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.

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.”

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!”

⁹ He said, “Go and tell this people:

“‘Be ever hearing, but never understanding;
be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’

¹⁰ Make the heart of this people calloused;
make their ears dull and close their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.”

¹¹ Then I said, “For how long, Lord?”

And he answered:

“Until the cities lie ruined
and without inhabitant,
until the houses are left deserted
and the fields ruined and ravaged,
¹² until the LORD has sent everyone far away
and the land is utterly forsaken.

¹³ And though a tenth remains in the land,
it will again be laid waste.

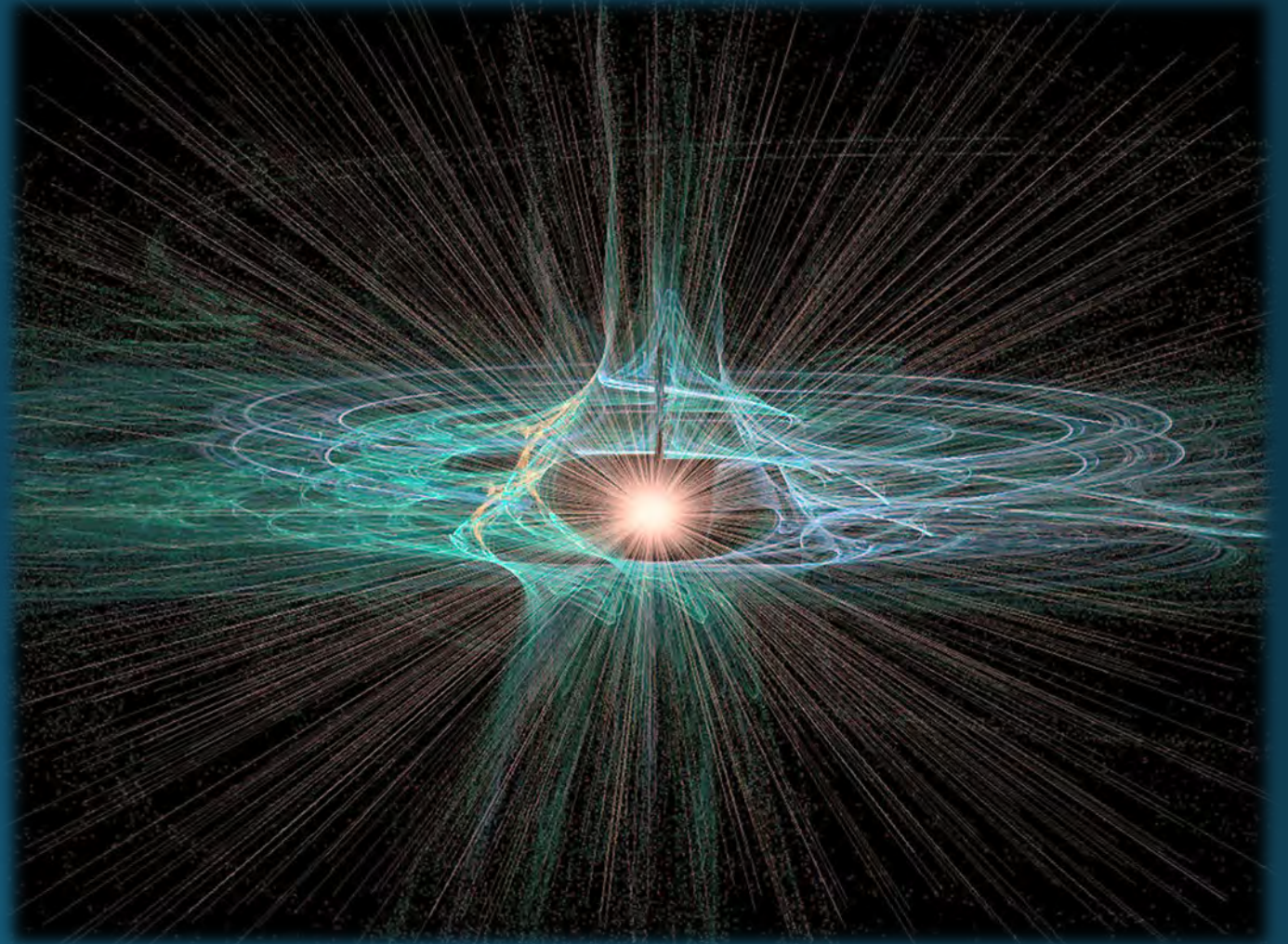
But as the terebinth and oak
leave stumps when they are cut down,
so the holy seed will be the stump in the land.”

Theme: Isaiah's Encounter with God



3 Quakes:

- A God-Quake
- A Self-Quake
- A World-Quake



1. A God-Quake

This trip to the temple
different than any
in the past

Glory in Hebrew
means

weight/weightiness



God as a concept versus God as a reality

When God is a
concept, He is
lighter than you.

But God as a
reality is heavier
than you.



2. A Self-Quake



Isaiah has an experience of beauty, humility, and purity

Radical beauty- Holy, Holy, Holy (3 times)



(kadosh) : superlativeness, infinitely unique, brilliance and beauty



Holiness

Humility - “Woe to me”



Woe is a curse and Isaiah is a prophet!

What do we know about Isaiah's background?

Isaiah is the man with a golden tongue. He lives in an oral culture. He realizes he is the problem.





Angel fly's with a **live coal** and touches
Isaiah's lips

fire is judgement/wrath



Fire
touches
Isaiah's
lips and he
has been
cleansed/
pardoned

AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING
"WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?"
THEN I SAID, **"HERE I AM! SEND ME."**
ISAIAH 6:1-8

“Hineni”

“Here
I am.”

Send
Me.

God tells Isaiah it is....

- Hard
- Unsuccessful
- Ineffective



If God comes into your life...

- that's a God-quake
- a Self-quake
- a World-quake



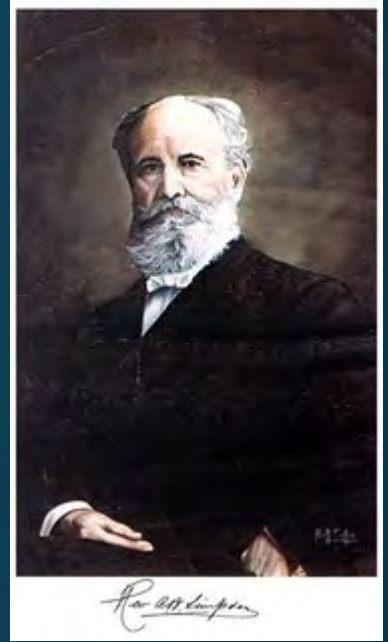
3. A World-Quake

WHEN GOD SAVES YOU
GO SERVE HIM

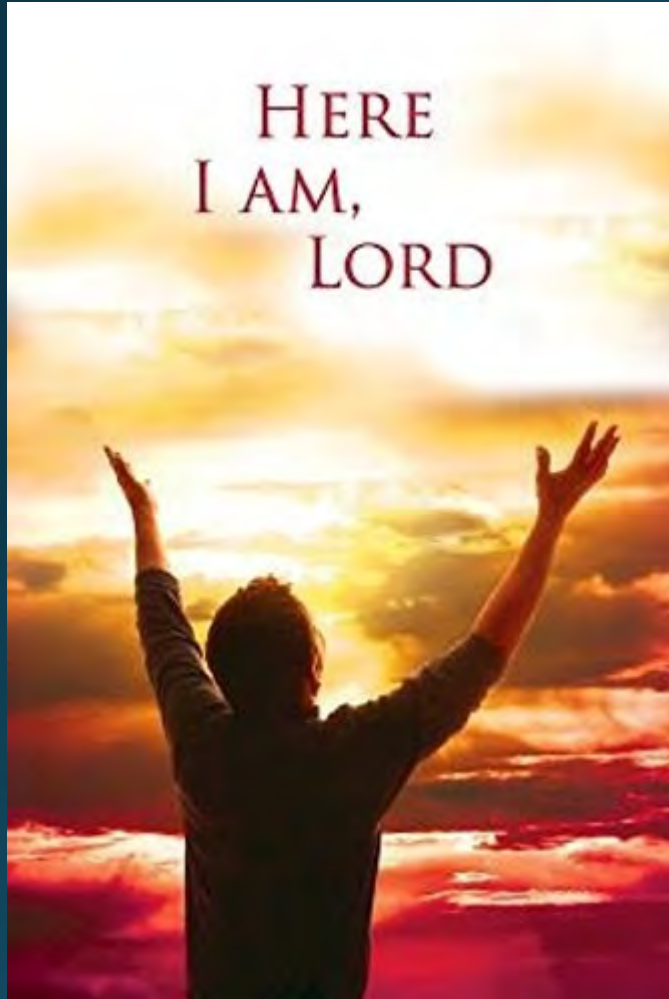
'Himself' by A.B.Simpson

1. Once it was the
blessing,
Now it is the Lord;
Once it was the feeling,
Now it is His Word;
Once His gift I wanted,
Now, the Giver own;
Once I sought for
healing,
Now Himself alone.

4. Once it was my
working,
His it hence shall be;
Once I tried to use Him,
Now He uses me;
Once the pow'r I wanted,
Now the Mighty One;
Once for self I labored,
Now for Him alone.



Three characteristics that make you useful:



➤ Availability

➤ Dependability

➤ Expectancy

When God is a reality, you always work no matter how it looks around you because there is always a divine plan.

A cosmic scene with a bright light source in the center, creating a lens flare effect. The background is a deep blue space filled with stars and several planets or moons in various phases. The text "The Divine Plan" is overlaid in a white, serif font.

The Divine Plan

Application:

Is God a concept or a reality in your life?



Does He use you or you are attempting to use Him?