

His Train Fills the Temple

Isaiah 6:1-7:25 We are entering the High Holy Days for our Jewish brothers and sisters. This is the season of their New Year and their ten days of awe, which end with the Day of Atonement. The timing varies according to their calendar, but this season usually occurs during September. We will be speaking more of these days of awe, which is a time set aside for the Jewish people to examine their hearts in preparation for the Day of Atonement. They review the last year and confess anything they did or said that they feel did not please God. They cry out for God's mercy for another year of life so they might be written in the book of the righteous. The Jewish people believe there is a book of the righteous, a book for those who have not been too sinful and a book for the wicked. Join me the rest of this month as I too join our Jewish brothers in examining my own life. Also, this would be a meaningful time to lift our Jewish brothers and sisters before the Lord by praying for the veil that is over their eyes to drop so they may see Jesus as their Messiah. He is their hope of glory.

Isaiah, a good Jewish prophet, had a magnificent encounter with God. Listen to his words. "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple" (Isa. 6:1).

When Adam and Eve were created, they were dressed with God's glory. There was radiance that covered their nakedness. God has similar glory garments. One time I learned that as we praise the Lord, the radiance of His presence in heaven and on earth intensifies. He has given us the garments of praise that lift the spirit of heaviness. Every time we praise Him, His glory garments intensify. Our praises do more in the heavenlies than we think. What a privilege it is to dress God with our praise every morning. God is a Spirit, and you can see His form only because of the glory garments He wears.

Isaiah saw Him sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. His glory garments did not just fill the temple, but they also filled the whole earth. The whole earth was filled with His glory.

Recently I heard a message by a man who had an encounter with God. He said God visited the church where he was a guest speaker and the glory of the Lord just kept coming in waves upon the people. It was at that moment he remembered this Isaiah passage. He also remembered the scene of the wedding of Princess Diane and Prince Charles. Princess Diane wore a wedding dress with a train that extended beyond the aisle of the cathedral and out the door. God's presence came and just kept coming because His train filled that church. The response to His presence was repentance. Everyone prostrated themselves on the floor and wept. This too was Isaiah's response. Isaiah wrote, "Woe is me; for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts" (v. 5). Pray for us all, including our Jewish brothers and sisters, to see His glory.

**READ: Isaiah 6:1-7:25; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33; Psalm 54:1-7;
Proverbs 23:1-3**