#### Isaiah Week 8



#### Isaiah 5: 8 (NIV)

Woe to you who add house to house and join field to field till no space is left and you live alone in the land.

#### Six Sins that will Destroy a Nation



#### Isaiah 5: 11 (NIV)

Woe to those who rise early in the morning

to run after their drinks,
who stay up late at night
till they are inflamed with wine.

#### Isaiah 5: 12 (NIV)

They have harps and lyres at their banquets,

pipes and timbrels and wine,

but they have no regard for the deeds of the Lord,

no respect for the work of his hands.

#### Six Sins that will Destroy a Nation

- 1. Covetousness
- 2. Alcohol/Drugs/Parties

#### Isaiah 5: 18 (NIV)

Woe to those who draw sin along with cords of deceit,

and wickedness as with cart ropes,

#### Six Sins that will Destroy a Nation

- 1. Covetousness
- 2. Alcohol/Drugs/Parties
- 3. Hypocrisy

#### Isaiah 5: 20 (NIV)

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

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#### Isaiah 5: 21 (NIV)

Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes

and clever in their own sight.

#### Question

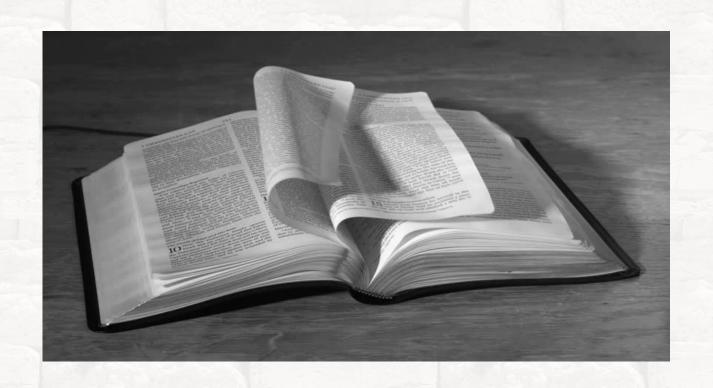
What sin is this describing?

#### Six Sins that will Destroy a Nation

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#### Please turn to:

Proverbs 16: 18-19



#### Proverbs 16: 18-19 (NIV)

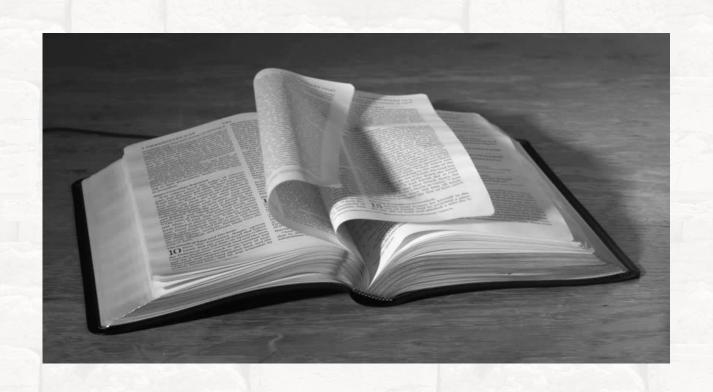
Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Better to be lowly in spirit along with the oppressed

than to share plunder with the proud.

#### Please turn to:

Proverbs 3: 5-7



#### Proverbs 3: 5-7 (NIV)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart

and lean not on your own understanding;

in all your ways submit to him,

and he will make your paths straight.

#### Proverbs 3: 5-7 (NIV)

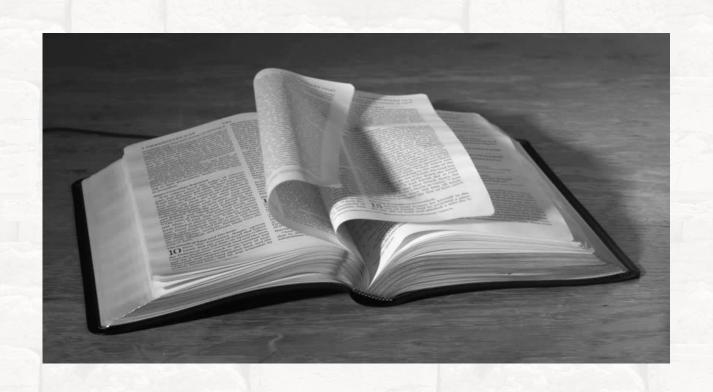
Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.

#### Question

What are some signs that a person or a nation is becoming prideful?

### Please turn to:

Judges 21: 25

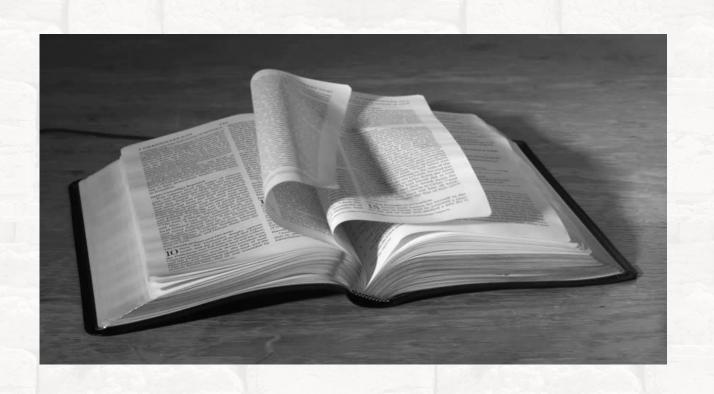


#### Judges 21: 25 (NASB)

In those days there was no king in Israel;

everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

## Please turn to: Deuteronomy 12: 8



#### Deuteronomy 12:8 (NASB)

"You shall not do at all what we are doing here today,

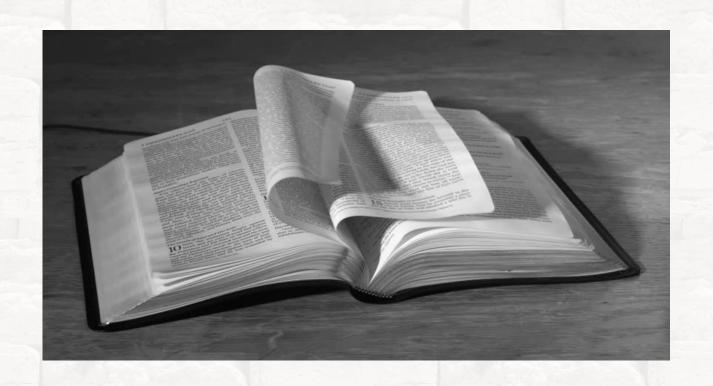
every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes;

#### Question

Who are we wanting to be if we are the ones that determine what is right or wrong?

#### Please turn to:

Isaiah 14: 12-14



#### Isaiah 14: 12-14 (NASB)

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn!

You have been cast down to the earth,

you who once laid low the nations!

#### Isaiah 14: 12-14 (NASB)

You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God;

#### Isaiah 14: 12-14 (NASB)

I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,

on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.

I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;

#### Isaiah 14: 12-14(NASB)

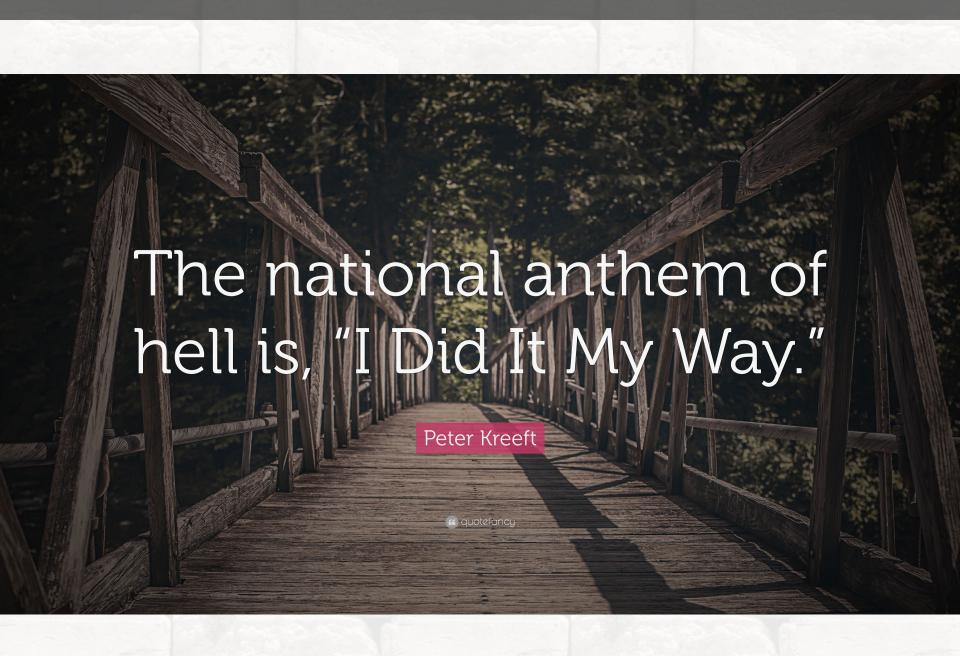
I will make myself like the Most High."

#### Question

Why do we want to determine what is right or wrong for our own lives?

#### Isaiah 14: 15 (KJV)

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.



#### I did it my way lyrics

For what is a man, what has he got? If not himself then he has naught To say the things he truly feels And not the words of one who kneels



# CHURCH OF SWEDEN OFFICIALLY DROPS CALLING GOD 'LORD', 'HE' TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE



#### Isaiah 5: 22-23 (NIV)

Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine

and champions at mixing drinks, who acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice to the innocent.

What sin is this describing?

The legal system and government officials abusing their authority to punish the innocent by finding them guilty and finding the guilty innocent so they can be set free.

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- 6. Injustice/ Double Standard

Do we see any injustice or double standards today?

Can you give any examples?

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#### Clever Churchgoers Avoid Arrest By Disguising Themselves As Rioters

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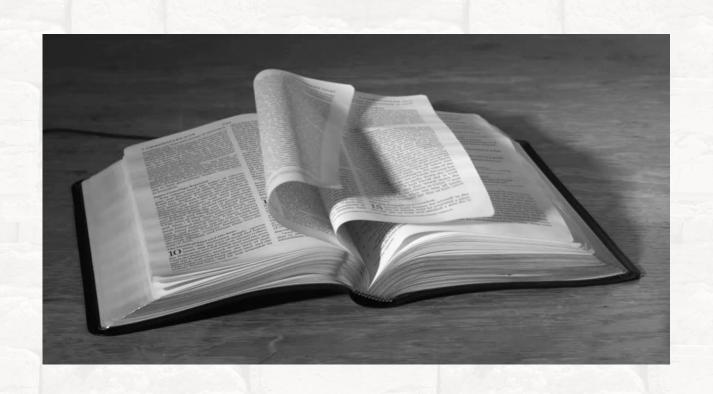
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LOS ANGELES, CA—Religious people in Southern California have found a bold, creative solution for in-person meetings in spite of the continuing lockdown. This past weekend, several area churches attended church services disguised as righteously indignant rioters.

"We already have the righteous indignation thing down," said one church elder. "Now, we've simply added black balaclavas, hoodies, Guy Fawkes masks, and baseball bats!

We found that when we do this, we can meet in large groups without much interference from the local authorities. It's been a delightful experience."

# Please turn to: Proverbs 11: 3



# Proverbs 11: 3 (NIV)

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

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# Isaiah 5: 24 (NIV)

Therefore, as tongues of fire lick up straw and as dry grass sinks down in the flames, so their roots will decay and their flowers blow away like dust;

for they have rejected the law of the Lord Almighty and spurned the word of the Holy One of Israel.

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# Isaiah 5: 25 (NIV)

Therefore the Lord's anger burns against his people;

his hand is raised and he strikes them down.

The mountains shake,

and the dead bodies are like refuse in the streets.

# Isaiah 5: 25 (NIV)

Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away,

his hand is still upraised.

#### Six Sins that will Destroy a Nation

Rejection of God's Law and the Word



The wrath of God is unleashed

What does the phrase "his hand is still upraised" mean to you?

What are some tools God uses as instruments of His wrath?

# Isaiah 5: 26 (NIV)

He lifts up a banner for the distant nations,

he whistles for those at the ends of the earth.

Here they come,

swiftly and speedily!

Who is God whistling for?

## History

The Northern Kingdom turned away from God and He whistled to the Assyrians and they attacked and destroyed the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

## History

The Southern Kingdom of Judah turned away from God and he whistled to the Babylonians and they destroyed the Kingdom of Judah and Jerusalem

#### History

In 70 a.d. God whistled to the Romans and the roman general Titus Vespasian used the 5th Roman legion to destroy the temple.

#### **Future**

In the end the Army of God will destroy satan and all those who have not made Jesus Lord!

# Isaiah 5: 27 (NIV)

Not one of them grows tired or stumbles,

not one slumbers or sleeps; not a belt is loosened at the waist, not a sandal strap is broken.

Who is God protecting now?

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Not one of them grows tired or stumbles,

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# Isaiah 5: 28 (NIV)

Their arrows are sharp, all their bows are strung; their horses' hooves seem like flint, their chariot wheels like a whirlwind.

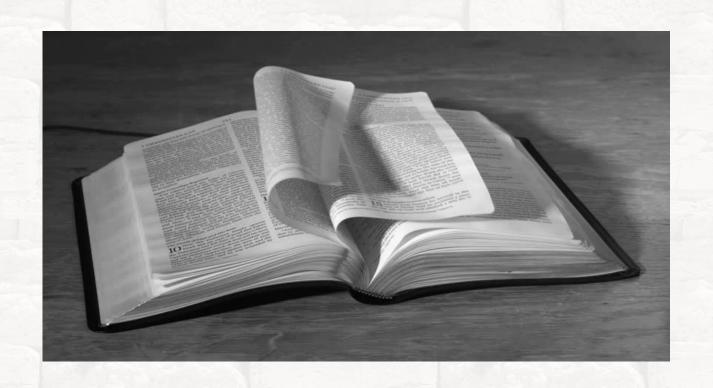
# Isaiah 5: 29 (NIV)

Their roar is like that of the lion, they roar like young lions; they growl as they seize their prey and carry it off with no one to rescue.

Who is prowling around like a roaring lion today?

# Please turn to:

1 Peter 5: 8



## 1 Peter 5: 8 (NIV)

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

# Isaiah 5: 30 (NIV)

In that day they will roar over it like the roaring of the sea.

And if one looks at the land,

there is only darkness and distress;

even the sun will be darkened by clouds.

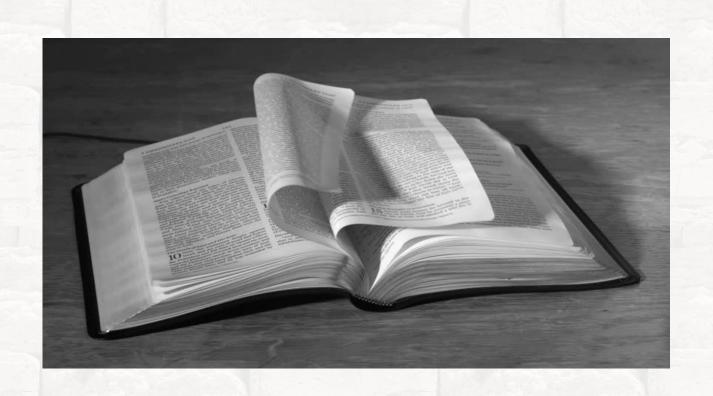
#### Isaiah 6

Isaiah 6 is a message of hope to the people of Israel. After the first five chapters reveal the judgement against Israel for turning away from God chapter six is an introduction to chapters seven through eleven which prophecies about Immanuel and the salvation of the world.

#### Isaiah 6

Isaiah 6 is quoted by John!

# Please turn to: John 12: 36-41



# John 12: 36-41 (NIV)

Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet:

"Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

(Isaiah 53:1)

For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn — and I would heal them."

(Isaiah 6: 10)

Isaiah said this <u>because he saw</u>

<u>Jesus' glory and spoke about</u>

<u>him</u>.

(Isaiah 6:1)

# Isaiah 6: 1 (NIV)

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.

# Do you think the death of a king created a time of uncertainty and unrest?

# Uzziah died around 740 BC. He was inflicted with leprosy and died as a leper.

Where is Isaiah looking into during this time of uncertainty and unrest?

# **Isaiah 6: 2 (NIV)**

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.

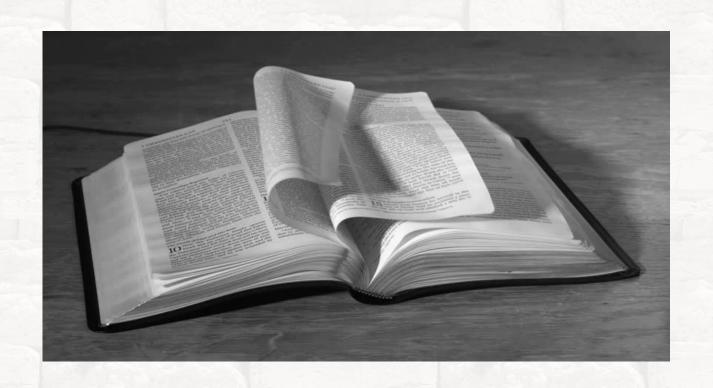
During times of uncertainty and unrest, God is on His throne and in full control!

How does that apply to us today?

Which apostle saw into the throne room of heaven?

# Please turn to:

Revelation 4: 6-8



# Revelation 4: 6-8(NIV)

Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.

# Revelation 4: 6-8(NIV)

The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings.

# Revelation 4: 6-8(NIV)

Day and night they never stop saying:

"Holy, holy, holy

is the Lord God Almighty,' who was, and is, and is to come."

# **Isaiah 6: 2 (NIV)**

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.

# Isaiah 6: 3 (NIV)

And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;

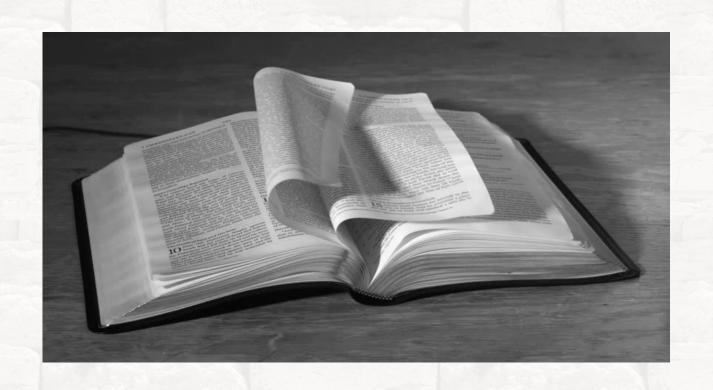
the whole earth is full of his glory."

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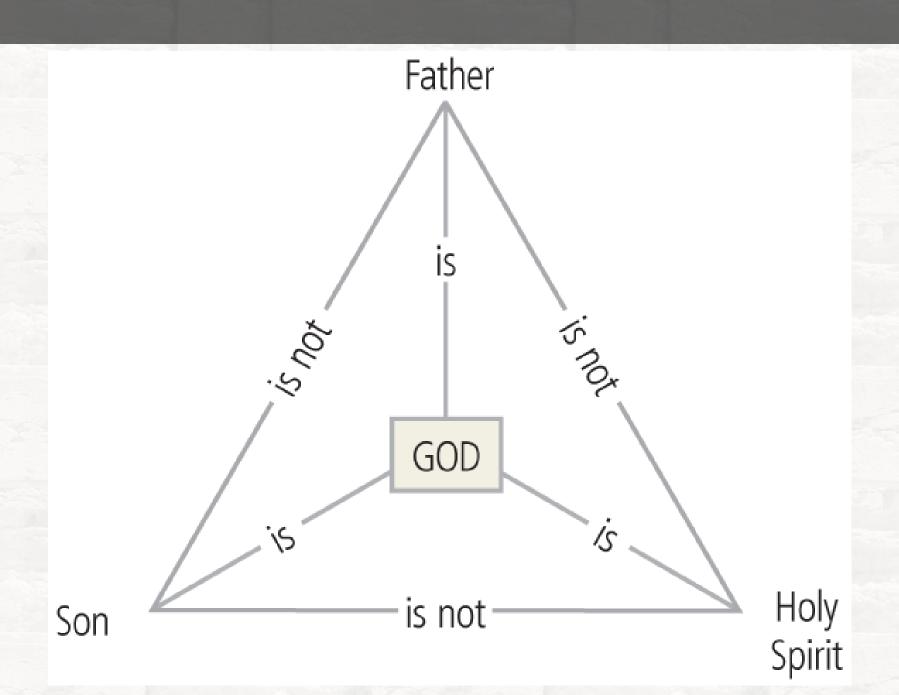
# Please turn to:

Matthew 28: 19



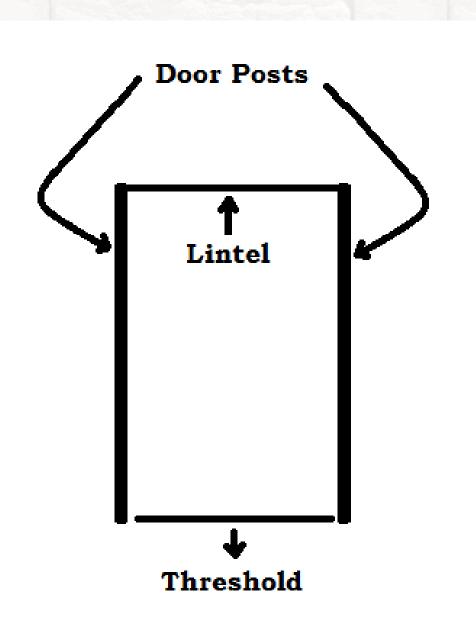
#### Matthew 28: 19 (NIV)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,



# Isaiah 6: 4 (NIV)

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.



What does the fact that the doorposts and thresholds shook tell us about their voice?

What is the significance of smoke in relation to God?

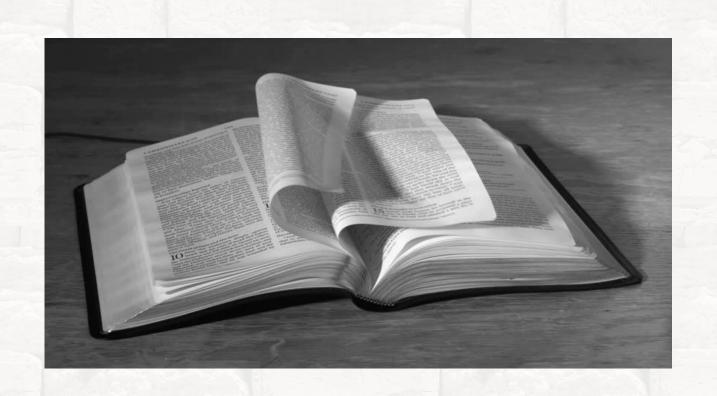
How would you respond if you witnessed what Isaiah witnessed?

# Isaiah 6: 5 (NIV)

"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."

What is revealed when you stand in the presence of God?

# Please turn to: Ephesians 5: 8-13



# Ephesians 5: 8-13 (NIV)

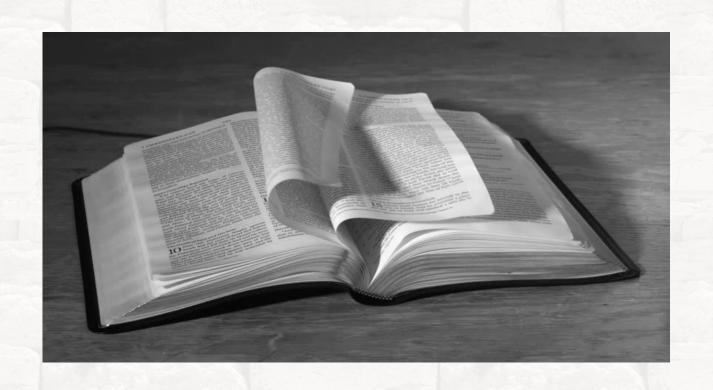
For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.

# Ephesians 5: 8-13 (NIV)

Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible — and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

# Please turn to:

Luke 5: 1-8



One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.

He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!".