



Here I Am! Send Me **Isaiah 6:1-8, 38:1-5**

And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” 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 6:7-8—ESV).

Isaiah met the LORD where we would expect to meet Him—in the House of the LORD. Isaiah went to the temple knowing that he was a sinner but also wanting to be with the LORD and His people. Isaiah did not know how horrible his sin was until he saw the LORD in His glory and heard the seraphim proclaim, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!” Immediately, Isaiah knew he was lost. He and his people had unclean lips that spoke from unclean hearts. Knowing his guilt, he could only approach the LORD with fear and trembling. Only the LORD could spare him. And the LORD of hosts did spare him when He sent a seraphim to touch Isaiah’s lips with a hot coal and declare, “Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” The LORD did this for Isaiah to prepare him for proclaiming the Good News that in the future the LORD would send the Messiah to die as a sacrificial lamb for the sin of the world, to take away our sin and guilt, and by His own blood cleanse us from all sin and remove the stain of sin in our lives. Knowing how much the LORD had done for him, the moment Isaiah felt his guilt taken away and knew that the LORD would not punish him for his sins, Isaiah was ready to lay down his life to serve the LORD he loved. When he heard the Lord ask, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us,” without hesitation or excuses Isaiah immediately replied, “Here I am! Send me.” The same is true for those who know that their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has atoned for their sins by His sacrificial death. They know He has risen from the dead and lives within them so the Holy Spirit can guide and empower them to love and serve God and others. They are happy to go and do and help others go and do so many more may come to know the glory, grace, truth, love, and salvation of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.