New Year's Message January 1, 2023 AM

PREPARATION FOR SERVICE (Isaiah 6:1-9a)

l.	The SETTING	(Isaiah 6:1a)
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- A. Uzziah's reign over Judah ENDING
- B. Israel facing DISPERSION under MILITARY despotism

II. The VISION (Isaiah 6:1b-7)

- A. Isaiah saw an OCCUPIED THRONE
- B. Isaiah saw the PERSON of the LORD
- C. Isaiah saw the GLORY of the LORD
- D. Isaiah saw the SURROUNDING glory
 - 1. The SERAPHIM—demonstrating God's AUTHORITY
 - 2. The SONG—demonstrating God's MAJESTY
 - 3. The SMOKE—demonstrating God's ANGER
- E. Isaiah saw his own UNCLEANNESS
- F. Isaiah saw the GRACE of GOD

III. The VOICE (Isaiah 6:8-9a)

A. God CALLS for a VOLUNTEER

- B. Isaiah RESPONDS to God's CALL
 - 1. The vision had CURSED him
 - 2. The fire had CLEANSED him
- C. God COMMISSIONS the one He CALLED

IV. The APPLICATION

- A. To be COMMISSIONED for service, we need to be CLEANSED by the power of GOD
 - God will MAKE us what He wants us to be if we will come to the END of OURSELVES and let Him do it
 - 2. We must EACH say, "Here am I; send ME"
- B. To be SUCCESSFUL in service, we need a consciousness of GOD on His THRONE
 - 1. The world's PROBLEMS cannot be SOLVED by world LEADERS
 - 2. The world's PEOPLE need the message of the CRUCIFIED and RISEN LORD