The Gospel Publicly Portrayed

Isaiah 6:1-13

1. God comes **to** us.

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2. God reveals Himself to us.

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3. We respond to who He is.

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4. He gives grace.

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5. We respond to His call.

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Isaiah 6

What is liturgy?

It is from the Greek word *leitourgeo,* meaning to perform religious service, to minister.

Luke 1:23 When the time of [Zechariah's] **Service** ended, he went home.

What is liturgy?

Liturgy has always referred to the way a worship service is arranged.

To be *liturgical*, then, simply means to have an order or plan for a worship service. What is the most important question?

Why do we do what we do when we do it?

We are commanded to do things together. **Rejoice and Give Thanks** Pray Sing **Read Scripture** Preach Give **Confess Our Sin and Our Faith**

There is a bigger picture than just the parts.

God intends for us to declare and display the Gospel in all of our conduct, including in the conduct of our corporate gatherings.

Philippians 1:27

Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Has He shown us how?

Isaiah 6 represents a clear gospelrich pattern for the way God's people conduct themselves when He calls them into worship.

A Gospel Pattern

God comes to us.

He comes in the midst of death.

Isaiah 6:1 In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Colossians 2:13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions... In the midst of death.

He comes in the midst of disorder.

Isaiah 6:1 In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.

Romans 5:6 For **while we were still helpless**, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly...

A Gospel Pattern

God comes to us.

God reveals Himself to us.

He reveals His majesty.

Isaiah 6:1 In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. He reveals His majesty.

He reveals His holiness.

Isaiah 6:2-3 Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."

A Gospel Pattern

God comes to us.

God reveals Himself to us.

We respond to who He is.

We respond in fear and awe.

Isaiah 6:4

And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. 1 Peter 1:17 If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, **conduct yourselves in fear** during the time of your stay on earth. In fear and awe.

We respond in brokenness and confession.

Isaiah 6:5 Then I said, "Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." Job 42:5-6 I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; But now my eye sees You; Therefore I retract, And I repent in dust and ashes. 1 John 1:8-9 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A Gospel Pattern

God comes to us. God reveals Himself to us. We respond to who He is.

He gives grace.

By sending help.

Isaiah 6:6-7 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, with a burning coal in his hand which he had taken from the altar with tongs.

1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that **He** loved us and **sent His Son** to be the atonement for our sins.

Galatians 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" By sending help.

By preparing us to serve/worship Him.

He forgives and cleanses us.

Isaiah 6:7

And he touched my mouth with it and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

He forgives and cleanses us.

Luke 24:46-47

...and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day; and that **repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed** in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

He calls and commissions us.

Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

He calls and commissions us.

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...

He instructs us.

Isaiah 6:9-10 And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on listening, but do not perceive; Keep on looking, but do not understand.' Render the hearts of this people insensitive, Their ears dull, And their eyes dim, Lest they see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, Understand with their hearts, And return and be healed."

He instructs us.

Matthew 28:19 ...teaching them to observe all that I've commanded you...

A Gospel Pattern

God comes to us. God reveals Himself to us. We respond to who He is. He gives grace.

We respond to His calling.

By obedience to His call.

By obedience.

Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" By obedience to the call.

By faithfulness to the message.

By faithfulness.

Isaiah 6:11-12

Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He answered, "Until cities are devastated and without inhabitant, Houses are without people, And the land is utterly desolate, The LORD has removed men far away, And the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

By faithfulness.

Hebrews 10:23 and 25 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful... not forsaking our own assembling together... The temptation is always to let tradition or emotion to determine what we do. Let's strive to let the gospel be what shapes our conduct.