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- I. Introduction. Text: Isaiah 6.
- II. Background.
 - A. Azariah was a good king, but Chronicles tells us that when he grew strong he became proud.
 - B. His pride let to his destruction.
- III. Many people feel that God is flat and not very powerful.
 - A. God is far from flat—He is a fantastic being of authority and power.
 - B. There is a reality invisible to the eyes of man but real—this is the greatness of God, experienced by Isaiah.
- IV. The three-fold character of God is represented by the phrase "holy, holy,"
 - A. Holy really means whole—perfect in every way.
 - B. The glory of God is represented in His perfection.
 - C. The world all around us speaks to God's glory.
 - D. Isaiah spoke of Jesus. (John 12)
- V. Isaiah's response: woe is me!
 - A. This reflects Paul's attitude in Romans 7.
 - B. Isaiah has a terrible realization of being unfit to be used.
 - C. God never uses anyone before giving a person a sense of inadequacy—this is necessary for being useful to God.
 - D. Pride hinders usefulness.
 - 1. Pride is the source of evil.
 - 2. Pride is the source of blessing. (II Peter)
- VI. Grace is the forgiveness of sins and cleansing of guilt. Forgiveness of sins is something we need every day.
- VII. Isaiah's response to the call was readiness.
 - A. We often do not respond well to God's call.

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B. There are needs all around us.

VIII. Not all will respond but we still must go.

3. How are you responding to God's call in your life to follow Him? How does Isaiah provide an appropriate model?