

Biblical Examples of Consecration

- Priestly Consecration- Exo. 29, Lev. 8
 - Purpose – To minister unto the Lord in the sanctuary.
- Nazarite Consecration – Num. 6
 - Purpose – To separate unto the Lord.
- Levites Consecration – Num. 8
 - Purpose – To do service for the sanctuary.
- **Prophetic Consecration – Isa. 6**
 - **Purpose – To prepare for proclaiming the message of God to Israel. "Whom shall I send?"**
- Christ's Consecration – Gospel of John, Heb. 10
 - Purpose – To do the will of His Father.
- Believer's Consecration – Rom. 12
 - Purpose – To serve God in the good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Prophetic Consecration - Isa. 6 - "Here am I"

- **Upward Vision - 6:1-4**

- What he saw- "I saw the Lord" - Eyes
- What he heard- "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts" - Ears
- What he felt- "And the posts of the door moved," "a live coal" - Heart

- **Inward Action - 6:5-8**

- Action in response to the heaven's glorious upward vision
- Application of heaven's sacrifice after the inward vision
- Acceptance of heaven's call to the outward vision

- **Outward Mission - 6:9-13**

- Call from God - "Whom shall I send?" - Commitment from man - "Who will go for us?"
- Consecration of Isaiah to God's call - "Here am I"
- Common features between Isaiah's vision and God's mission for Isaiah:
 - Heart of the people
 - Ears of the people
 - Eyes of the people

- **Upward Vision - 6:1-4**
- The time - "In the year that Uzziah died" - 2 Chr. 26:16 " But when he was strong, **his heart was lifted** up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the Lord his God, and went into the temple of the Lord to burn incense upon the altar of incense."
- 2 Chr. 26:21 And Uzziah **the king was a leper unto the day of his death**, and dwelt in a several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the Lord: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.
- **What he saw-** "I saw the Lord" (In contrast to what happened to Uzziah)
 - "Sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple."
- John 12:39-41 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, ⁴⁰ He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. ⁴¹ These things said Esaias, **when he saw his glory** (Christ's), and spake of him.
- Acts 28:25, 26 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake **the Holy Ghost** by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, 26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:

- **Upward Vision - 6:1-4**
- **What he heard-** “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts”
- Isa. 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: **the whole earth is full of his glory.**
- Num. 14:21 But as truly as I live, **all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.**
- Psa. 72:19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and **let the whole earth be filled with his glory;** Amen, and Amen.
- Hab. 2:14 For **the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,** as the waters cover the sea.
- **What he felt-** “And the posts of the door moved”
- Rev. 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded **lightnings and thunderings and voices:** and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.
- Exo. 19:18, 19 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and **the whole mount quaked greatly.** 19 And when **the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder,** Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

Isaiah's vision vs. Paul's vision

<p>What he saw - "I saw the Lord" - Eyes</p>	<p>Acts 26:13 - At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.</p>
<p>What he heard - "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts" - Ears</p>	<p>Acts 26:14 - And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.</p>
<p>What he felt - "And the posts of the door moved," "a live coal" - Heart</p>	<p>Acts 9:6 - And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?</p>

Isaiah's vision vs. Believer's vision

What he **saw** - "I saw the Lord" - Eyes

Eph. 1:17 – 20 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: ¹⁸ **The eyes of your understanding being enlightened;**

What he **heard** - "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts" - Ears

that ye may know what is the **hope of his calling**, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

What he **felt** - "And the posts of the door moved," "a live coal" - Heart

And what is **the exceeding greatness of his power** to us-ward **who believe**, according to the working of **his mighty power**, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

- **Inward Action - 6:5-8**
- **Action in response to the heaven's glorious upward vision**
 - Vision of his self - "Woe is me"
 - Vision of his condition - "I am undone" (cut off)
 - Vision of his sin - "I am a man of unclean lips"
 - Vision of the people around - "I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips"
- **Application of heaven's sacrifice after the inward vision-** Isa. 6:5b-7 For mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. 6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a **live coal** in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs **from off the altar:** 7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and **thy sin purged.**
- **Acceptance of heaven's call to the outward vision-** Isa. 6:8 Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, **Here am I, send me.**
- Acts 9: 6 And he trembling and astonished said, **Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?** And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

Isaiah 6:6-8

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

What provision was made for Isaiah's guilt in the presence of a holy God in these verses?



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- **Outward Mission - 6:9-13**
- Call from God - "Whom shall I send?"
- Commitment from man - "Who will go for us?"
- The common features between Isaiah's vision, God's mission for Isaiah and Jesus's message to the Jews in terms of heart, ears and eyes.
- Isa. 6:10 Make **the heart** of this people fat, and make **their ears** heavy, and shut **their eyes** lest they see with **their eyes**, and hear with **their ears**, and understand with **their heart**, and convert, and be healed.
- John 12:28-30 Father, **glorify thy name**. Then came there **a voice from heaven**, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. 29 The people therefore, that stood by, and **heard it**, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him. 30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. 32 And I, if I be **lifted up** from the earth, **will draw** all men unto me.

- **Outward Mission - 6:9-13**
- Confession- “Then said I, Woe is me!” - 6:5
- Consecration - “Then said I, Here I am; send me” - 6:8
 - "Here am I" - Consecration of his eyes, his ears and his heart.
- Continuation - “Then said I, Lord, how long?” - 6:11
 - "Until" -1 Tim. 6:14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, **until** the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:
- Acts 26:18, 19 **To open their eyes**, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.
19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the **heavenly vision**:
- Acts 22:15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast **seen and heard**.
- Acts 13:48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life **believed**.