



THE ISAIAH EXPERIENCE

The Bible tells us that when Uzziah became a strong king, his heart was lifted up unto his destruction. Soon he acquired a rebellious spirit and went into the temple of God with a censor to burn incense upon the altar – the offering of which was the sole prerogative of the priests. When Azariah, the chief priest, confronted him with the reality, Uzziah got angry and behaved in a rebellious way. Uzziah's self-righteous, arrogant and presumptuous ways were judged by God and he was smitten with leprosy. How many times have God's people rebelled and got angry after receiving correction in the house of God? Instead of moving to sorrowful repentance, many of us have vented their displeasure and even anger against the ministers? Many insisted on going their own way when corrected and confronted with the truth. Many times we come into the house of God to make an offering to God in our own understanding, censor filled with unacceptable and unauthorized offerings! We insist on doing something before God that appeals to our own knowledge and understanding. When it comes to our secular jobs, we would never do things our own way, displaying our anger on being corrected, lest we lose our job and be thrown out!



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But when he (King Uzziah) became strong, his heart was so proud that he acted corruptly, and he was unfaithful to the LORD his God, for he entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

2 Chronicles 26:16

Beloved, we need to be open to the working of the Holy Spirit. If we remain open and yielding, we will be convicted of our offensive ways and mentalities, which we often insist upon in approaching God and in doing His things. What we need is burning lips and a hot heart! That is what I call the 'Isaiah' experience. A single hot coal from His altar will burn our lips and will cure our problems, will change our ways, and will change our past pursuits. Receiving a burning coal in the house of God will change us – it is able to perform a great work in our lives. What we need is burning lips that have been touched by burning coals. If the eyes of God's people are able to behold the Lord, then inward change will be their constant companion. The Lord's people should cry out to God to show His glory. Let the cry of our hearts be: "Lord, You have told us to seek Your face. Lord now we gather in our immaturity even to seek Your face. Lord, show us Your glory." Instead majority of His people are trotting around in diapers of immaturity. We do not even know what we are doing. We know that the 'Father' is in the house and we are hunting for Him!

Beloved, we don't have to be mature people to seek the Lord. We can seek the face of the Father even as infants. The Lord will never refuse the cry of His children. He longs to reveal His face to His children. Remember Moses who cried, "Father, show me Your glory". This has got to be the longing of our hearts. Despite what we are, we need to cry out to God to turn to His people. And, as we behold His face we shall be changed from one measure to another, from a lower degree of life to a higher one, from one level of glory to a higher level

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