

DILEMMA: 9/11 OR MIDNIGHT?

Isaiah 6

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: **the whole earth is full of his glory**. Isaiah 6:1-3

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and **the earth was lightened with his glory**. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen**, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. Revelation 18:1-2

In the face of such conditions it is not surprising that when, during the last year of Uzziah's reign, **Isaiah was called to bear to Judah God's messages of warning and reproof**, he shrank from the responsibility. He well knew that he would encounter obstinate resistance. As he realized his own inability to meet the situation and thought of the stubbornness and unbelief of the people for whom he was to labor, his task seemed hopeless. Should he in despair relinquish his mission and leave Judah undisturbed to their idolatry? Were the gods of Nineveh to rule the earth in defiance of the God of heaven?

Such thoughts as these were crowding through Isaiah's mind as **he stood under the portico[porch] of the temple**. Suddenly the gate and the inner veil of the temple seemed to be uplifted or withdrawn, and he was permitted to gaze within, upon the holy of holies, where even the prophet's feet might not enter. There rose up before him a vision of Jehovah sitting upon a throne high and lifted up, while the train of His glory filled the temple. On each side of the throne hovered the seraphim, their faces veiled in adoration, as they ministered before their Maker and united in the solemn invocation, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory," until post and pillar and cedar gate seemed shaken with the sound, and the house was filled with their tribute of praise. Isaiah 6:3. *Prophets & Kings*, 306, 307.

Now these *are the things wherein* Solomon was instructed for the **building of the house of God**. The length by cubits after the first measure *was* threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. And **the porch that was in the front of the house**, the length *of it was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height *was* **an hundred and twenty**: and he overlaid it within with pure gold. 2 Chronicles 3:3-4

Ezekiel

Ezekiel 9; 8:1-4; 3:22, 23; 1

“Daily” Experience Leads to “Yearly” Experience

By indulgence in little extravagances men become careless in the use of money and form spendthrift habits, while self-denial **in little things leads to self-denial in greater things**. If moments are carefully treasured and put to a wise use, hours will not be wasted. If **small opportunities** are improved, **greater opportunities** will not be neglected. If **limited talents** are employed, **larger usefulness** will come; and by patient continuance in well doing, you will gain power to do well and patiently. Our work may not be noticed by men, and no credit may be given to the faithful soul; but God marks the diligent servant, and gives wisdom to do **a larger work**. It is **faithfulness in little things** that makes a man **great in the sight of God**.

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