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Isaiah 6:5

“Then I said, “Woe is me! For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.” Isaiah 6:5

People often talk about their encounters with God. But we must certainly ask ourselves, “If they have had such an encounter with God, are they any different after the encounter than they were before the encounter?”

One thing is certain – when you’ve had such an experience, you will leave a different person! The wonder of His presence is so glorious that it leaves you first with the overwhelming feeling and sense of your unworthiness and sinfulness. You too, like young Isaiah, will cry out, “Woe is me, for I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips and I live in the midst of a people of unclean lips.” And even the beloved John, upon seeing the glorified Christ falls at His feet as though a dead man! (Revelation 1:17).

When Peter had one of his first encounters with the Living God his reaction was not dissimilar to Isaiah’s, “When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” (Luke 5:8).

This is a normal reaction for light always exposes darkness. To believe you have seen God yet continue in your sinful way is to have been deceived or to have hardened your heart. “This then is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.” (1 John 1:5 – 6).

Selah.

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