

We are Made for Worship, Isaiah 6:1-8

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I have been focusing in on Isaiah 6 of late and as I keep reading it over and over again, I find that this really is one of the most astounding accounts of a person spending time worshiping and waiting on God with the result that the prophet also came away with a sense of calling to God's work for him.

Thesis: As we worship God and wait on Him in his presence, we will gain a sense of what it is He is calling us to do to serve Him. Worship and waiting, lead to a sense of the right work for us.

Worship of God ...

Leads us to an awareness of the otherness of God

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

Leads us to an awareness of our unworthiness

Leads to courage, clarity, and conviction.

(Psalm 27:13, 14 ESV)

*¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!*

*¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!*

(Psalm 37:7 ESV)

*⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!*

(Psalm 67:5, 6 ESV)

"For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken."

Leads us to hope.

(Psalm 130: 5,6)

⁵ "I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning,

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opportunity.

¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever

situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of

facing plenty and hunger, abundance, and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Do you understand what Paul was writing? He was saying, “I can do all things” (i.e. be impoverished or be in plenty and I am content either way). This has nothing to do with diving into work that you are not fitted for or called to. When a need arises, stop, take time to ask the Lord for direction, and do what he tells you to do. The Lord may lead you to do something that you do not feel equipped for. It may be something that you are not comfortable with. But if you spend time waiting on God and believe that He is going to answer you, you can boldly move into what He has called you to do, rather than being guilty into or assuming what you should do.

This does not give any of us an excuse to sit, soak, and sour because we don't believe that God has called us to anything. That's nonsense! If you have no sense of what it is God has called you to do, perhaps the problem is that you are not listening to Him. I am not trying to guilt you into anything. I am saying that I hope you are spending time in worship and waiting on God. If you are, the Lord is going to give you a sense of what it is He is leading you to do with His strength at work in your weakness. As we draw near to God in worship