

Isaiah 6

God has laid out the groundwork for this chapter's revelation of God as the answer to life's questions. What then, is the question; or our problem?

Isaiah just took us (in prior chapters) through the prognosis of Israel and mankind. It's ultimately a terminal condition. We are self-defeating and corrupt. Over the long haul, we will gravitate towards harmful behavior; unless God intervenes and keeps *resetting* us. This is true for individuals, and its true for us collectively as nations. History bears this out. We are drawn by our lingering and immediate notions, while ignoring more important, and seemingly less-pressing things that God has told us.

Isaiah not only gave Israel an *F* for lacking any faithfulness to God. He showed them where this road ultimately leads. Isaiah gave the Jews glimpses of the coming course corrections. At the time, there was no visible threat on the horizon. There will be a Babylonian invasion soon, and ultimately a worldwide Great Tribulation. These very harsh corrections do a lot of damage, but God tried all of the instant messaging, time outs, set backs, etc... to no avail.

The Lord does not delay [as though He were unable to act] and is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is [extraordinarily] patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3)

Isaiah also has shown us the end goal for God to dwell in harmony with us, in a peaceful setting. We have a hopeless society, bent from sin...and we also have an unbelievable opportunity to live so far above the human squalor, and become what God built us to be. We cannot get there from here on our own. That is the central point of the Old Testament. God himself, must make any chance at healthy living and reconciliation to God happen.

Read Isaiah 6: Isaiah was given prophecies during the reign of four of Judah's kings. The timeframe for this particular vision was at the time of death of a good king. Losing a good public leader can be a traumatic thing. For example, numerous attempts have been made on President Trump's life. What if (God forbid) an assassination attempt on President Trump was to become successful? I would have anxiety over that. Who is going to push against evil as much as he has

during this time of rising insurrections? For starters, we must go back to some basic truths.

Every person is to be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. ² Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. (Romans 13)

God gave us Bill Clinton and Barrack Obama and Joe Biden for his own reasons. There were our *cod liver oil* to get us to hopefully never advocate for that kind of society. He also gave us Donald Trump, George Bush, Jr. and others to keep us alive. My fear would be that, just like the UK and France; we would become taken over by Islam. One reason to allow a threat to linger over our heads could be to get us to pray. I know that threats of Islam, transgenderism, fraud, communism, socialism, insurrection, anarchy and treason cause me to pray more.

God is securely in charge of everything to the smallest detail. He absolutely keeps Satan and his demons on short leashes. He controls what thoughts that world's leaders and terrorists are allowed to entertain. He is in their head too. God always turns the tables on evil doers, and uses their vain attempts to his glory. God plays 5-d chess.

¹⁹ And Micaiah said, "Therefore, hear the word of the Lord. I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the angels of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left. ²⁰ And the Lord said, 'Who will entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one spirit said this, while another said that. ²¹ Then a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord, and said, 'I will entice him.' ²² And the Lord said to him, 'How?' And he said, 'I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouths of all his prophets.' Then He said, 'You shall entice him, and you will also prevail. Go and do so.' ²³ Now then, behold, the Lord has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours; and the Lord has declared disaster against you." (1 Kings 22)

Isaiah sees what is going on in the invisible world of heaven. God is sitting in control of all things. He is surrounded by 6-winged, 4-faced on-fire, thunderously-loud seraphim angels. The mighty seraphim see all things, but they still cannot get over how great and powerful God is. One seraph could destroy the earth in a

second, but he cannot get over how awesome God is. Thousands of years later, the seraphim still have their minds blown by looking at God.

Note that the seraph does not say “The world is a mess, but heaven is great”. He expresses that the whole world is chalk full of overlooked evidences that God is so far beyond our comprehension. So, why do I become anxious when I hear that New York just got 3 congressmen determined to destroy America. Is it right that I lose my peace over such things? We can either pray or worry. We are not in control of anything; and we are fully dependent on God’s grace. Perhaps I should hit the pause button, and look at King David’s life. He was a great King of Israel. King David had 66 battles...many of which, came within an inch of his life!

Battle	Description
Goliath	David's first battle, defeating the Philistine giant Goliath.
Philistines	Multiple campaigns against the Philistines to secure Israel's borders.
Moabites	Defeated the Moabites and established control over them.
Zobah	Fought against King Hadadezer of Zobah, capturing many soldiers and chariots.
Arameans	Defeated the Arameans who came to aid Hadadezer, securing further victories.
Ammonites	Engaged in battles against the Ammonites, expanding Israel's territory.
Edomites	Fought against the Edomites, further consolidating his rule.
Other Neighboring Tribes	Engaged in various conflicts with tribes such as the Amalekites and others.

What about Joshua, the very faithful servant of Moses, called to lead Israel to re-take their homeland?

Battle	Description
Jericho	The Israelites marched around the city, leading to its walls collapsing.
Ai	After an initial defeat, Israel successfully captured Ai through a strategic ambush.
Gibeon	The Gibeonites made peace with Israel, contrasting with other Canaanite kings who formed coalitions against them.
Southern Campaign	Included battles against cities like Lachish, Eglon, and Hebron, where Israel achieved swift victories.
Northern Campaign	Joshua faced a coalition led by Jabin, king of Hazor, resulting in a decisive victory.
Summary of Defeated Kings	
Joshua's conquests included defeating kings from various city-states, with a total of at least 33 kings	

The blessed life is not the trouble-free life...no matter how much we try to imagine it so. There have been times at night when I felt the urgency to pray about the next-days events...and I did. I came to discover a day of non-stop problems to solve. I prayed for no problems; instead, God gave me the tools to work through them with effort.

There is a classic moment in Joshua's life when he was the Captain and General over Israel, and he unknowingly meets Jesus face to face and confronts him. The result is that he is humbled to discover that the ongoing battle is not even his.

¹³ Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, he raised his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" ¹⁴ He said, "No; rather I have come now as captain of the army of the Lord." And Joshua fell on his face to the ground, and bowed down, and said to him, "What has my lord to say to his servant?" ¹⁵ And the captain of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so. (Joshua 5)

Isaiah was stressed for the same reasons that we get anxious. He saw the powers for good disappearing. God had to let Isaiah taste a little of his *high voltage*, and insane power. God never allows anything to be in jeopardy that he has not approved. Isaiah thought he had died once the seraphs started roaring in deafening sounds. There are many allusions to thunder and lightning in heaven. In reality, the thunderous (like Niagara Falls) voices of seraphim, and the brilliant light that moves faster than we can detect (like lightning) comes from the cherubim angels around the throne.

The Book of Job shows us that God calls periodic mandatory meetings for all angels and demons to attend. He interrogated Satan for our benefit; and then defined his boundaries. The recorded dialogue between God and Satan was not for God's intel; it was for our understanding. God has no questions. Just revealing inquiries for us to consider.

In a weird way, it is comforting to be more afraid of God's insane power and control than any force of evil. These are all actors in God's melodrama. God makes a conscious ongoing decision to put life into Satan and his demons. Everybody works for God, rather they know it or agree to it or not.

'This is what the Lord God says: "You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared. ¹⁴ You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created Until unrighteousness was found in you. ¹⁶ By the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence, And you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, you covering cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷ Your heart was haughty because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I threw you to the ground; I put you before kings, That they may see you. ¹⁸ By the multitude of your wrongdoings, In the unrighteousness of your trade You profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I have brought fire from the midst of you; It has consumed

*you, And I have turned you to ashes on the earth In the eyes of all who see you.
19 All who know you among the peoples Are appalled at you; You have become
terrified And you will cease to be forever.””” (Ezekiel 28)*

Read Isaiah 6:6-10: God does not show off or flaunt his power. He does everything for a reason. Why is Isaiah seeing a bit of the power and glory? He needs a *shot in the arm*, to strengthen his resolve to keep walking with God. He is down; and needs to see reality. He needs the reassurance that everything is under control.

Instead of God patting him on the back and calming him down, Isaiah becomes aware of his own sins and failures. What kind of healing is that? We have to remember that the truth sets us free...not our imagined scenarios. For starters, Isaiah needs to understand that nothing was ever in men's control. Secondly, his view of what makes life tolerable and safe is all wrong as well. Isaiah began by worrying that the darkness was going to cover his land. God sobers up to see something much more personal. There are a lot more things to worry about that we are purposefully spared of.

Our limited understanding is purposefully coupled with our limited faith. If we knew all about what was going on with Jupiter's moons...or with the thousands of bacteria and viral pathogens in our own bodies...or what the mob in Guatemala were working on, we might become a nervous wreck. We have to trust that God has such things covered.

God begins the healing and strengthening by accepting Isaiah's confession of sin. God cleanses his sin immediately, as the angel puts a hot coal to his lips. The ultimate healing is not just physical or mental or emotional or spiritual. It is all of it. It is called *being made whole*.

35 Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. (Matthew 9)

Did the forgiveness begin the healing process? Yes, it did! Immediately, Isaiah volunteers for duty. He's ready to charge out there again. He asks to be used to communicate God's message. That is the job of a prophet. He is to take God's message to the people. Prophecy has two components. It includes foretelling and

forthtelling. The classic revelation of future events is what is called foretelling. The assistance in breaking down scripture into bite-sized, digestible components is called forthtelling.

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)

When the prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, and the thing does not happen or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you are not to be afraid of him. (Deuteronomy 18:22)

Now that God has started healing Isaiah's broken spirit and depression, he can be used to start healing his people. That is why we are called *broken healers*.

What is the message from God to heal Judah? God says that he is repeatedly providing direction, but the people are just not seeing it. I am a visual person; so I like to visualize what something being described looks like. Sometimes, people will hear my advice, and say: "*Sorry bro, but I am just not seeing it*". God is completely righteous and more than fair. He also does not want anyone to be punished, if they do not have to be. The problem with Israel and Judah was willful ignorance. They refused to accept God's scenario and outcome as the prophets painted the pictures. Their commitment to sin gave them a *confirmation bias*, much like TDS. They were only looking to confirm their hopes. They just go blind when anything godly is suggested. The false prophets were just like today's Democrats. They may refuse to accept truth if they sense where it leads. We have this problem today.

Do you see a person wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him. (Proverbs 26:12)

CONFIRMATION BIAS



The Jews turned to false prophets who confirmed their pre-disposition to continue in sin. The bible insults everyone's sensibilities and self-image equally. It is not swayed by sincerity or reputation. David is well loved and respected; but he made some massive mistakes. Moses was uniquely intimate with God, but he got let go from his job. Abraham was the exemplary saint; and his doubts caused problems too. Isaiah's response is the best. We must embrace the truth about ourself and God; and then things will begin to get better.

Confirmation bias is the tendency to focus on information that already aligns with one's existing beliefs and to dismiss or overlook any evidence that challenges those beliefs. In a broader sense, this bias fastens onto familiar viewpoints, leading people to reject new or conflicting perspectives prematurely. Within behavioral science, this is understood as a common cognitive shortcut: individuals gravitate toward evidence that supports what they already assume to be true.

While examining any issue—whether biblical, scientific, or personal—confirmation bias can limit one's openness to truth. It may inspire one-sided research, selective reading, or failing to seek out contrary information. This phenomenon often underlies disagreements by fueling misunderstanding and reactivity.

Biblical Foundations and Warnings Against Partiality

Scripture underscores the importance of seeking truth without favoritism or prejudice. [Proverbs 18:17](#) states, "The first to state his case seems right until another comes and cross-examines him." This verse highlights the need to look beyond the first assumption, especially when it lines up too neatly with one's own bias.

James likewise instructs believers not to show partiality ([James 2:1](#)). Though this passage addresses favoritism in communal settings, its principle guides believers away from narrow-minded judgments. Seeking out alternate viewpoints or challenges teaches humility, guarding against the flaw of confirmation bias.

Psychological Considerations: The Tendency to Select Evidence

From a behavioral science viewpoint, human beings naturally filter information based on preconceived concepts or values. Countless studies in cognitive psychology indicate that when individuals encounter data contrary to their beliefs, they may rationalize or modify that data to fit accepted narratives.

Even in scriptural matters, the same phenomenon can appear. Individuals who approach the Scriptures only to confirm their preferred doctrinal stance may overlook passages presenting a fuller or more balanced perspective (cf. [2 Timothy 3:16](#): "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for instruction..."). Proper biblical study calls for an honest, holistic assessment of the text.

Examples from Scripture

One illustrative example is found in the ministry of Jesus. Many of the religious leaders were predisposed to disbelief, continually seeking to trap Him with questions rather than investigating His signs and teachings sincerely ([Matthew 22:15-22](#)). Their confirmation bias caused them to dismiss evidence of His authority, including miraculous healings and fulfilled prophecies.

Similarly, in the Old Testament, some hardened their hearts against clear demonstrations of divine intervention. Pharaoh in Exodus repeatedly witnessed the plagues yet still resisted acknowledging the power behind Moses' message ([Exodus 7-11](#)). These scenes present cautionary illustrations of how bias can blind us to obvious truth.

God is saying that he foresees the people doubling down over and over, instead of truly repenting. God sent 10 prophets; and they rejected them all. When God sent the Babylonians, it did not have to be the massive starvation camp and destruction of the town. The people kept refusing Jeramiah's messages about just moving to Babylon and living there freely for 70 years. Whatever solution God puts forth, the false prophets and lying spirits will do the opposite.