

*"Then said I, '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 mine eyes
have seen the King, the LORD of Hosts." Isaiah 6:5
KJV*



Isaiah was beside himself at the sight of eternity's Sovereign! God's seraphim spoke with such power *"the posts of the door moved at the Voice of Him that Cried, and the house was filled with smoke."* So many of our Christian songs speak of a familiarity with the risen LORD. Like; chatting with Jesus; sitting beside Him; asking Him this or that; when the Truth is we would be so overwhelmed at the mere sight of His Glory And Power Of Presence that we would fall *"at his feet as dead."* At the Judgment Seat of Christ we will be instantly aware of our every faithless act and turn our faces down in fear and out of shame for our own unworthiness to avoid our Lord's Penetrating Soul Searching Gaze! *"For we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men."* There'll be no "Howdy's" or "Pleased to meet you's" going on in that Throne Room! Like Isaiah, we'll be saying *"Woe is me."* While we have nothing to fear from our loving LORD, we will still stand in abject terror at His Revelation, recoiling from the faithlessness of our own pitiful actions as they go up in smoke in the Purifying Fire of The Holy Spirit Himself! *"Now if any man build upon This Foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the Day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by Fire; and the Fire Shall Try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a Reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the Temple of God, and that the Spirit of God Dwelleth in you? If any man defile the Temple of God, him Shall God Destroy; for the Temple Of God Is Holy, Which Temple ye Are."* Of his meeting with our Risen LORD, John, the beloved disciple that often sat close to Christ, wrote, *"And when I saw Him, I fell at His Feet as dead. And He Laid His Right Hand Upon me, Saying unto me, 'Fear not; I am the First And The Last: I Am He That Liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I Am Alive For Evermore, Amen; and Have the keys of Hell and of Death."* It will require the same reassuring Touch of our Lord's Nail Scarred Hand to calm our trembling souls when we first see *"the KING in His Beauty."* Think not that you will stroll confidently down the streets of gold at the beginning. That will come later. The Elders that sit on thrones with Christ; prostrate themselves at His Feet, casting their crowns down saying, *"Thou Art Worthy, O Lord, to Receive Glory and Honour and Power: for Thou Hast Created all things, and for Thy Pleasure they Are And Were Created."* Tread cautiously on Faith's Path lest you hinder yourself and others and bring shame to the KING'S Name!

Undone as leaf in leaping flame,
I durst not tarnish Jesus' name,
My golden crown is not my own,
'Twill be cast down at Heaven's Throne. -CGP

Yes, we enjoy sweet fellowship with our Lord and lean forever upon His Promises, but nothing will ever prepare us for our first glimpse of Omnipotence. We now, *"see through a glass darkly, but then, face to Face."* Remember our Saviour's Power, Grace, and Love! Forget not the Mercy extended us; *"for our God Is A Consuming Fire!"*

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own Salvation with fear and trembling. For It Is God Which Worketh in you both to Will And To Do Of His Good Pleasure." Philippians 2:12-13 KJV