

## A LIFE COAL FROM THE ALTAR OF HEAVEN

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Isa 6:1 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.

Isaiah saw the Lord but it was after King Uzziah died. Most of us would say we would like to see the Lord, but are we willing to accept some deaths? What is it or who is it in your life, that is keeping you from seeing the Lord, high and lifted up? What's keeping the glory of God from being revealed in your life like God really wants to reveal it?

Before Isaiah saw the Lord in a greater measure than he had ever seen Him, Uzziah had to die.

You may wonder who Uzziah was. He was a descendant of King David. He was crowned king at the age of sixteen. At first, he sought God diligently. No doubt, he was overwhelmed and humbled by the magnitude of the responsibility.

However, as it happens time and time again, something changed in Uzziah. As he grew older, as he became more successful, pride replaced humility. Overconfidence took the place of dependence upon God.

It doesn't matter how old we get and how much we experience and go through, we will never get old enough and wise enough that we lose our need of God. We don't need God less today, we need Him more!

Uzziah became proud and felt like because he was king, he could do whatever he wanted to do and that he didn't need anybody else to tell him anything.

He was wrong on both accounts. There were things that he wasn't permitted to do and he still needed a man of God in his life to tell him what he needed to hear.

When the man of God told Uzziah that he was doing wrong, he got angry. Pride makes people angry. Pride does its best to justify itself. A proud person blames other people while excusing themselves.

Pride will keep us from seeing the Lord, thus blinding us and moving us into the dangerous arena of deception.

I don't want to be deceived. I want to know the truth, regardless of how much it hurts. My feelings aren't what's important, my salvation is.

I want to allow God to take a live coal from the altar of heaven and burn away anything and everything that would hinder my relationship with Him.