***The Revelation of the Lord High and Lifted Up Will Ground Us***

The inhabitants of Judah had neither an eye to see, nor an ear to hear the message of the true Messiah and His establishment of His glory-filled kingdom, **free of iniquity, purged of sin,   
defined by the holiness** of the One who would rule from the Temple in Jerusalem.

The Lord identifies for Isaiah the primary problem afflicting Israel. Her greatest threat was not overwhelming foreign military power and potential invasion (which, in that era was Assyria followed by Babylon a generation later); nor was it the cycles of economic crisis that would follow. Their greatest threat was their own sin and hardness of heart towards Yahweh, which would eventually lead to their rejection of their covenantal agreement and sacred calling.

Their offense against Yahweh was connected to His seeming inability to deliver them from destruction at the hands of foreign nations. They were dull of heart to the reality that they were a people under judgment that needed deliverance from sin (David Sliker).

Isaiah saw the Lord in His mighty throne, high and lifted up. Isaiah saw the Train of His Robe fill the temple. A new understanding has come to me in re-reading Isaiah 6.

For many years, I saw this narrative as a commissioning of Isaiah into the next level of his prophetic calling. I also preached this as an evangelistic voice to encourage people to say yes to being sent, after being raised and cleansed anew, fired up as an angel touched his mouth with burning coal.

Of course, this is applicable still, but today, another picture appears to be a fresher understanding. The vision is: Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up. The train of His robe filled the temple in His rule and reign in the days to come, in His return, in the millennium.   
This totally changed the hope to which we anchor our hope!

“Where there is no revelation,   
the people cast off restraint;   
But happy is he who keeps the law.”  
Proverbs 29:18 NKJV

“When there is no clear prophetic vision,   
people quickly wander astray.   
But when you follow the revelation of the Word, heaven’s bliss fills your soul.”  
Proverbs 29:18 TPT

We have entered a time in our life as believers to keep our eyes open in clarity and understanding; to press for the vision of seeing the things of God with an eschatological (end times) perception, to keep us from wandering “astray.”

In the AMPC version, vision is “redemptive.”

“Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish; but he who keeps the law [of God, which includes that of man]–blessed (happy, fortunate, and enviable) is he. [I Sam. 3:1; Amos 8:11, 12.]”  
Proverbs 29:18 AMPC

(To be continued)