

Isaiah 6:1

by Chuck Smith

The sermon emphasizes the importance of focusing on God rather than on human leaders, using Uzziah's story as a cautionary tale.

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 26:8, Psalm 115:1, Proverbs 16:18, Isaiah 6:1, Matthew 23:12, John 3:30, 1 Corinthians 3:6-7, Galatians 1:10, Colossians 3:2, Hebrews 12:2

Topics: "Idolatry", "Focus on Christ"

Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the significance of recognizing God's sovereignty over human leaders, using King Uzziah's rise and fall as a cautionary tale. Uzziah, despite his early successes and prosperity, became an idol in the eyes of the people, which ultimately led to his downfall. Smith points out that God had to remove Uzziah for the prophet to truly see the Lord, highlighting the danger of ministers seeking personal glory rather than directing attention to Christ. The sermon serves as a reminder to focus on Jesus rather than human accolades, urging believers to lift up Christ instead of earthly leaders.

Transcript

I. UZZIAH HIS GREATNESS.

A. Entered throne at perilous times.

1. Grandfather & father both murdered.

a. Both went after idolatry.

B. Although only 16 years old he was very prosperous.

C. He wrought great victories against the Philistines & Arabians.

D. He fortified Jerusalem built towers & ingenious weapons of war.

II. UZZIAH HIS MISTAKE II Chron. 26:8.

A. His name spread abroad vs. 8.

B. His name spread abroad for he was strong vs. 15.

C. Everyone was saying UZZIAH THIS UZZIAH.

1. His name on lips of all the people.

III. "IN THE YEAR KING UZZIAH DIED I SAW THE LORD HIGH AND LIFTED UP."

A. God had to remove His idol Uzziah before His prophet could see Him.

B. Great tragedy of many ministers & evangelists today.

1. Busy making a name for themselves.

a. People go from service saying:

1. "Isn't he a wonderful preacher!"

2. "Isn't he a powerful speaker!"

3. He's marvelous.

2. How much better to lift up Christ to the extent that they will say:

a. Isn't Jesus wonderful.

C. Don't get your eyes on man.

1. A priest was once applauded as he entered the service. "Strange they should applaud the servant in the Master's House."

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