

# **A Fresh Encounter with God**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Isaiah 6.
- B. Isaiah was helpless at the king's spiritual condition.

## II. An encounter with God is a visitation by Jesus.

- A. It is unexpected.
- B. It is not limited to the time of the prophets. God is still in the business of personally encountering us.
- C. God is an intimate Savior that wants to make Him known to us.
- D. Christ is not distant from the believer.
  - 1. Many get embarrassed by people who talk about Jesus.
  - 2. One should expect people to get fidgety.
- E. Isaiah saw a theophany of Christ. (John 1:8)
- F. God has to compete with many things in our lives—God needs time to make us aware of His presence.
- G. What we can expect from an encounter with Christ.
  - 1. Learning exciting things from God.
  - 2. Experiencing the holiness of Christ.
    - a. A sense of our own unworthiness.
    - b. This does not end in self-deprecation though.
  - 3. The cleansing of the blood of Christ.
  - 4. A requirement.
    - a. As an intimate friend, God comes to deal with us.
    - b. God is ready to meet our needs.
- H. The best thing one can do is to surrender his life to Christ now.

**Application questions:**

1. How should we respond to Christians who claim that a believer's relationship with God is not personal?

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2. Which expectation of a God-encounter do you find most compelling? Explain.

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3. How can you better carve out time in order to encounter God personally in your weekly schedule?

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