He saw that they were not living as God would have them. He probably did his best to lead his nation to better things but when he saw God he realised that what he had been doing was entirely inadequate. Let us read the description of Isaiah's vision of God.

(Isaiah 6: 1 - 8):

"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.

Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings: with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto memother, and said, Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

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.

Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar.

And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and

thy sin purged.
Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."