

Isaiah 6

righteous is most congnizant of his own unrighteousness. A person who is truly blessed of God is the one who realizes most fully how unworthy he is of God's blessing and he will never say, "Stand by thyself. Come not near to me. I am holjer than thou." "These are a snake in my nose, a fire that burns all the day." How easy for us to fall into this. How easy it is for any of us to fall into it. What a terrific danger. How we must watch out for this terrible sin of Spiritual pride. It is the humble and the con- trite heart that the Lord will bless and no matter how much further along the path of sanctification we have gone than some others, we must recog- nize how far short we fall of God's desires and that he does not want us to lord it over but to help those who are and weaker and no matter how great is the contrast between us who are justified by the blood of Jesus Christ and the one who has turned his back on Him, and who is going in the way of iniquity, what God wants is that we should recognize the other as one who is created in the image of God and one who, for all we know, it may be His will that we should be the instrument of leading into the path of sal- vation through the Lord Jesus Christ. Spiritual pride is something that has no place in the life of the true Christian any more than of the true Israelite and here the nation of Israel is rebuked for the Spiritual pride into which so many of its members have fallen and He says in Verse 6, "I will not keep silence but will recompense into their bosoms," and Verse 7 continues, "I will measure their former work into their bosom." But Verse 8 shows that this does not mean that God is going to cast aside His work. God has been working a great work. He founded it in Abraham; He's been working through the ages. The work is not ready to be cast aside as something that does not work, that is impossible unto God. No. Thus saith the Lord, "As the new wine is found in the cluster and one saith, 'Do not destroy it for a blessing is in it,' so I will do for my servants' sakes that I may not destroy them all." My servant's sake. We no longer have the servant of God. The Servant of God, the Lord Jesus Christ is described from Chapter 41 right on up to that great climax