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## **“Strange Ways”**

*“For the LORD will rise up...to do his deed—strange is his deed! and to work his work—alien is his work!” (Isaiah 28:21)*

*“And he said to them, ‘Foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?’”  
(Luke 24:25-26)*

### **Out with the Old, in with the True**

**Isaiah 6:1-4** – (1) “In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. (2) Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. (3) And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!’ (4) And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.”

**Death of Uzziah Brings God to the Forefront**

### **Revulsion by Revelation**

**Isaiah 6:5-7** – (5) “And I said: ‘Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’ (6) Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. (7) And he touched my mouth and said: ‘Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.’”

**Death of Delusion brings God’s Grace**

## **So You want to Serve God**

**Isaiah 6:8-13** – (8) “And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here I am! Send me.’ (9) And he said, ‘Go, and say to this people: ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ (10) Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.’ (11) Then I said, ‘How long, O Lord?’ And he said: ‘Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, (12) and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. (13) And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled. The holy seed is its stump.’”

**Death of Quick Fixes & Success Orientation Redefines Service**

**“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!” (Romans 11:33)**

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)