

### Ten Facts about the prophet Isaiah

1. The Name ISAIAH means “The Lord is S \_\_\_\_\_”  
> similar to the names: Joshua, Elisha and Jesus)
2. Isaiah is known as the Evangelical P \_\_\_\_\_  
> because he points to the grace of God in salvation
3. Isaiah was the son of A \_\_\_\_\_  
> Jewish tradition states Amos was a brother of king Uzziah – putting Isaiah into the royal family  
[ Crossway Bibles. (2008). *The ESV Study Bible* (p. 1233). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.]
4. Isaiah proclaimed God’s message in & around J \_\_\_\_\_  
> advisor to both King Ahaz and King Hezekiah
5. Isaiah was m \_\_\_\_\_ (8:3)
6. Isaiah had \_\_\_\_\_ sons – each with symbolic names  
> Shear-jashub (7:3) = a remnant shall return  
> Maher-shalal-hash-baz (8:1) = the spoil speeds (meaning that Assyria is bent on conquest)
7. Isaiah wore a garment of s \_\_\_\_\_ and sandals (20:2)
8. For \_\_\_\_\_ years God told Isaiah to walk n \_\_\_\_\_ & barefoot (20:2-6)  
> as a sign and symbol (object lesson) of the terrible troubles God would bring upon Egypt and Cush as their captives are led away by Assyria naked & barefoot
9. Isaiah’s prophetic ministry extended well over \_\_\_\_\_ years  
> began seeing visions concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the last year of king Uzziah (740 BC)  
> Sent by God to speak to king Ahaz (732-716 BC) and to king Hezekiah (716-687)  
> 2 Chron 32:32 states that Isaiah wrote “*the rest of the acts of Hezekiah and his good deeds*”
10. Isaiah probably l \_\_\_\_\_ into the early part of king Manasseh’s reign (687-643)  
> the Jewish Mishnah (*a collection of Jewish oral laws debated from 70-200 AD*) states that Isaiah suffered death at the hands of king Manasseh.  
> Justin Martyr (150 AD) as well as 2 other historical documents from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> centuries, state that Isaiah was “*sawed asunder with a wooden saw*”

### Where are the bold proclaimers of truth in America today?

The prophets were men apart, men alone. Loyalty to God and their zeal for the welfare of Israel drove them away from the crowd and into long periods of heaviness. Like these prophets of old, proclaimers of God’s truth and justice in our time are (in the words of Tozer) something of an oddity who live not for themselves but to promote the interests of the Lord. They seek to persuade people to give all to Him and ask no portion or share for themselves.

They delight not to be honored but to see their Savior glorified in the eyes of men. Their joy is to see the Lord promoted and themselves neglected. They find few who care to talk about Christ, the supreme object of their interest - so they are often silent and preoccupied in the midst of noisy religious shoptalk.

For this they earn the reputation of being dull and over serious, so they are avoided and the gulf between them and society widens. Their inability to find human companionship drives them to seek in God what they can find nowhere else—that Christ is All in all.

These lonely men and women of whom we speak are not haughty - nor are they holier-than-thou. They are likely to feel that they are the least of all people. They want to share their feelings with others and to open their hearts to some like-minded soul who will understand them, but the spiritual climate around them does not encourage it, so they remain silent and tell their griefs to God alone.

Neither are these lonely saints withdrawn and hardened against human suffering. Rather, their loneliness makes them sympathetic to the brokenhearted and to the fallen and to the sin-bruised. And because they are detached from the world they are all the more able to help the world. [Tozer, A. W. *The Radical Cross* (pp. 42-44). Moody Publishers.]

**Our IDOLS...** Our cities → all that our s\_\_\_\_\_ offers us & that shapes us

Our houses → all that we p\_\_\_\_\_ and take comfort/pride in

Our fields & lands → all that we w\_\_\_\_\_ at and earn

**ISAIAH 6:1-12** (page 84-85)

**Idolatry = our love for and devotion to anything/anyone before God** (You shall have no other gods before Me – Exodus 20:3)

*Jesus said, that the first and greatest commandment is to Love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind (see Matthew 22:36-38)*

100% of our **HEART** → center of our emotions, our will, our purpose, our intentionality and decision making

100% of our **SOUL** → our inner life, our true personhood

100% of our **MIND** → center of reason, understanding, knowledge

### FOUR truths concerning idols in the book of Isaiah

**1. People love their idols** → Isaiah 2:8

**2. It is foolish to trust in idols – they are nothing but man-made & momentary items** → Isaiah 2:17-18,20; Isaiah 42:8; Isaiah 44:9-20

**3. God disciplines His people because of their love of idols** → Isaiah 2:17-20; Isaiah 10:10-11; Isaiah 42:17

**4. God knows a time will come when His people will cry out to Him and He will respond to them and lead them out of captivity as they throw away their idols.** → Isaiah 30:19-22

*(this is a second casting away for love of God – unlike the first casting away (Isaiah 2:20) for fear of death.*

