

Let us turn in our Bibles to the sixth chapter of Isaiah.
Reading text

Our times is short and I won't read the last verse which would require a whole hour to explain to you in detail. But I want to look with you as much as we can in the time we have at this wonderful chapter in the bk. of Isaiah.

I heard a sermon in my last year when I was a senior in seminary in a sermon dealing with this chapter which was called Three Sights Worth Seeing. I believe it is certainly true that there are three sights worth seeing, but I think there are two more of perhaps equal importance. Perhaps not equal but very great importance.

So there are five matters I would like to look at with you in this chapter. First, however we notice how the chapter begins. "In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw the Lord." Why does Isaiah begin with a reference to that? Is it simply to date it? I don't think so. I think it is to give the situation in the course of which this occurs. We are all tremendously affected by situations. We are affected by what we hear, what we see, what happens round about us. Here was Isaiah and God gave him a message appropriate to the situation. I started to write a book on prophecy six or seven years ago. I got 9/10 of it written but I got bogged down in one chapter toward the middle, so I never finished preparing the book. I thought the other day I would take it up again and get it ready and settle that chapter I had not written and get it published. I looked at the first chapter which seven or eight years ago seemed to me to be so appropriate to arouse interest with people's attitudes and ideas the way they were. But it just did not seem to fit today at all. I decided that I