

## Isaiah 6:5

*So I said: "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 my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."*

You must realize the setting here in today's devotional verse. Isaiah had just had five chapters of where he was judging Israel for their sinful ways. Then here in chapter six, Isaiah sees God in all of His glory and Isaiah realizes that he to is a sinner, no better than the children of Israel.

So many times we look at others and see their sinful ways, and are quick to judge and even sentence them for their sins. Yet we seem to forget that we are no better, and many times worse than the ones we are judging. Only when we get into God's word and see our sinful selves can we realize that we are still sinners and need help just as much as that other person does.

Yet still we will judge our husbands, or wives, or friends, or neighbors, or even strangers, refusing to look at ourselves first. Remember what Jesus said:

† **Matthew 7:1-5** *Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*

The only way to see the plank or log in our own eyes is to look into the word of God and ask Him to judge our hearts and thoughts.

† **Psalms 139:23-24 (NLT)** *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.*

Once we see ourselves against God, we will no longer judge like Isaiah was doing, but rather we would have a heart to go and help them out of love, just like Isaiah did, because we discover that he or she is just like we are.

So ask the Lord to send you to help and not hinder that person, but also ask for the Lord to remove the plank from your own eye before you do.

† **Isaiah 6:8** *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."*