

# Amber's Article

We are studying about Isaiah in the Sunday evening ladies bible study (Beth Moore BREAKING FREE) and these are my notes from Day 2 of last week's "homework". This is a look at his idealism of King Uzziah and how it is very similar to how we tend to depend on others or other things (knowingly or not) for the position in which God should always be in our lives.

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When Isaiah's hero [his earthly king, crown, desire] Uzziah died [was taken from him], he saw the Lord! Oswald Chambers put it this way: "Our soul's history with God is frequently the history of the passing of a "hero" [earthly desire]. Over and over again, God has to remove our friends [our earthly desires, heroes, crutches, "whatevers" that are taking the place of Him!] in order to bring Himself in their place, and that is where we faint and fail and get discouraged. Take it personally: In the year that the one [person] who stood to me for all that God was [and should have been], died [was taken away from me] - Did I give up everything? become ill? get disheartened? Or- Did I see the Lord?"

Friends, He saw the Lord! God must be first, second, third, fourth, tenth, ETC...until a life faced steadily with Him and no one else is THE only life we could know! Keep paying the price. Let Him see you are willing to live up to the vision! [His plan we cannot see or know!] It is the removal of the old, not the existence of something new that causes our eyes to be opened to God's kingdom. At no other time is our vision more capable of seeing Him in His rightful place than when the focus of our former attentions [our earthly desires, heroes, crutches, "whatevers" that are taking the place of Him] have been removed from our sight! Sadly, the removal of "our earthy crowns" may be to no avail, [we may not ever understand it ...here] but we can choose to be never perceiving [not seeing the BIG picture, HIS picture]..or we can choose to be ever-seeing. [trusting that His hand is that of The Artist of our life portrait. He has the vision of His masterpiece already in mind.] May we daily [even momentarily] & voluntarily dethrone our crowns [our earthly desires, heroes, crutches, "whatevers" that are taking the place of Him!] and put them in their rightful places. Only then, are we able & FREE to see the Lord seated on a throne, HIGH AND LIFTED UP, as we journey to our destination....

*Grace & Agape,*

*Amber*

