

# Isaiah 6:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

## Analysis

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The pronouncement 'thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged' declares forensic cleansing. The Hebrew 'sur' (taken away) and 'kaphar' (purged/atoned) indicate both removal of guilt and covering through sacrifice. This justification enables sanctification—Isaiah can now serve. The pattern of conviction (v. 5), cleansing (v. 6-7), and commissioning (v. 8) models the *ordo salutis* in Reformed theology: regeneration, justification, sanctification, glorification.

## Historical Context

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Temple sacrificial system provided typological framework for understanding spiritual cleansing. Isaiah's vision experienced what sacrifices symbolized—true removal of sin.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does the sequence of conviction, cleansing, and calling inform our understanding of conversion?

2. What does immediate purging of confessed sin teach about God's readiness to forgive?

## Interlinear Text

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And he laid	H5921	it upon my mouth	and said	H2009	And he laid	H2088	H5921
H5060		H6310	H559		H5060		
שִׁפְתֵי יָךְ	וְסָר	עוֹנֶךָ	וַיִּחַטְּאֶתְךָ	תִּכְפֹּר:			
thy lips	is taken away	and thine iniquity	and thy sin	purged			
H8193	H5493	H5771	H2403	H3722			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 1:9** (Parallel theme): Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

**Isaiah 43:25** (Sin): I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

**1 John 1:7** (Sin): But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

**Daniel 10:16** (Parallel theme): And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

**Isaiah 53:10** (Sin): Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

**Isaiah 53:5** (Sin): But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

**Matthew 9:2** (Sin): And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

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