

“REDISCOVERING OUR FOUNDATIONS”

Isaiah 6:1-8

“WHOLLY HOLY”

Isaiah's
Encounter
With
God



I. The Holiness of God is the most discussed attribute of God in the Bible

It is discussed in both the Old and New Testament. Jesus said, “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name

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A. Isaiah is captivated by something that he sees, something going on around him

Isaiah saw a vision of God's majesty, he heard an anthem of God's holiness, and he felt the thunder of the voice of the one who cried out, the angel, the seraphim, Holy, Holy, Holy.

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The three utterances of the term holy by this angel is called trihagion

C.S. Lewis

“How little do people know who think that holiness is dull? When I, when one meets the real thing it is irresistible, if even ten percent of the world’s population had it, would not the whole world be converted before the year’s end

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- a. It showed that God wanted to be with his people

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b. It showed that God is separated from his people because of his utter holiness and man's utter sinfulness.

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B. Isaiah is convicted with what he saw (vs.5)

Isaiah was humbled not lifted up with pride with what he saw in his vision.

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Max Lucado

“You don't impress the officials at NASA with a paper airplane. You don't boast about your crayon sketches in the presences of Picasso.

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You don't claim equality with Einstein just because you can write H₂O and you don't boast about your goodness in the presence of the perfect man.”

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Job 1:8, "There's nobody like him in the whole world. "I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear. Now my eye sees you. Therefore I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes."

Peter, "Depart from me, I'm a sinful man."

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C. Isaiah is cleansed. (vs.6&7)

The tabernacle taught, “There’s a great gulf of separation between holy God and sinful man. It taught that there’s ports and veils but it also taught that the gulf can be taken away by sacrifice

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so people brought lambs as a sacrifice and their blood was poured out and the sin of the person was transferred to the animal.

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Isaiah understood there was a gulf between himself and God, 'Woe is me.' But now he understands that the gulf is bridged by God's love and forgiveness.

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D. Isaiah is commissioned (vs.8)

Leviticus 11 “I am God your God who is holy.
Therefore you shall be holy for I am holy.”

How do you know if you are holy?

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You know you're holy when you hate sin

You know you're holy when you love
righteousness

We hate sin because of what it did to Jesus-it put
Him on the cross.

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Make your life count for something.

“Whom will I send?”

“Here I am, Lord, send me.”

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D. Isaiah is commissioned (vs.8)

It begins by seeing yourself and then you see God. And then you discover in that lowly place how God can cleanse you and use you.

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God's holiness and God's love are partners.
God's holiness shows the gulf, God's love
shows the bridge.

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D. Isaiah is commissioned (vs.8)

“Only one life will soon be past, only
what's done for Christ will last”