

Sermon Notes

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:1-8

I. THE AWE OF GOD'S HOLINESS

(Isaiah 6:1-3) In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory."

(Revelation 15:4) "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy."

II. THE TRAUMA OF GOD'S HOLINESS

(Isaiah 6:5-7) Then I said, "Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven." (Habakkuk 1:13) Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, and You can not look on wickedness with favor. (Isaiah 57:15) For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, and also with the contrite and lowly of spirit in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."

III. THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF GOD'S HOLINESS

(Isaiah 6: 8) Then 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!" (Romans 12:1) Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God. (1 Peter 1:14-16) As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."