

THE IMPORTANCE OF HOLINESS
(Isaiah 6:1-4)

- I. Why *Lord* Instead of *LORD*?
 - A. *LORD* is the English translation of *Yahweh*
 1. This is the name by which God identifies Himself to Moses
 2. The translation of the personal name of God is “I AM WHO I AM”
 - B. *Lord* is the English translation of *Adonai*
 1. This is the most exalted title that the Old Testament uses for God
 2. This is the same title given to Jesus when He is referred to as Lord
 3. The term *Adonai* means “the supreme Sovereign One”
- II. Why Does His Robe “Fill the Temple”?
 - A. In ancient days the clothing of monarchs was a measure of their status.
 - B. Still today our clothes communicate our importance
 - C. God’s robe filled the temple
 - D. His majesty is focused in the magnificence of the garments
- III. What Is the Significance of the Seraphim?
 - A. Seraphim are angels in the heavenly court which minister in the immediate presence of God
 - B. They are created with six wings in order to be in God’s presence.
 1. One set of wings is to cover their faces
 - a. No one can look upon God’s face and live
 - b. Moses was only allowed to see God’s back (Ex. 33:23)
 - c. The people could not even look at Moses’ face after this experience with God
 2. One set of wings is to cover their feet
 - a. Feet are a manifestation of creatureliness
 - b. Moses had to remove his shoes in God’s presence as a sign of submission before the Holy One
 3. One set of wings is for flying
- IV. What Is the Significance of the Song of the Seraphim?
 - A. The song is the *Trishagion*—“Holy, Holy, Holy”
 1. In English we emphasize with italics, underlining, or inflections.
 2. The Bible emphasizes with repetition
 - a. Examples are Paul repeating important concepts, or Jesus saying, “Truly, truly I say to you...”
 - b. The only example of triple repetition of an attribute is with reference to God’s holiness
 - B. This is a dimension of God that consumes His very essence

C. The lesson is the importance of God's holiness, as God alone is holy