

HIGH AND LIFTED UP
(Isaiah 6:1-8)

"The greatest need of the moment is that lighthearted, superficial religionists be struck down with a vision of God high and lifted up, with his train filling the temple."

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- I. An Hour of CRISIS (Isa. 6:1a)
 - A. It was 740 BC
 - 1. Uzziah had been king for 52 years
 - 2. The nation had PROSPERED during his reign
 - B. The King had DIED and left the throne UNOCCUPIED
- II. God on His THRONE
 - A. Isaiah saw a vision of God's SOVEREIGNTY (Isa. 6:1b)
 - 1. God was SEATED
 - 2. God was GOVERNING all CREATION
 - 3. God's GREATNESS and GLORY could not be CONTAINED
 - B. Isaiah saw a vision of God's HOLINESS (Isa. 6:2-3)
 - 1. The attending seraphim COVER their EYES
 - 2. The attending seraphim COVER their FEET
 - 3. The attending seraphim REMAIN in FLIGHT

4. The attending seraphim constantly proclaim God's SUPREME HOLINESS and His UNIVERSAL GLORY
- C. Isaiah saw a vision of God's WRATH (Isa. 6:4-5)
1. The FOUNDATIONS of the heavenly temple TREMBLED
 2. The temple was FILLED with SMOKE
 3. Isaiah was DEVASTATED and CONFESSED he deserved DAMNATION for his SINS
- D. Isaiah saw a vision of God's LOVE (Isa. 6:6-7)
1. God PURIFIES us from our SIN
 2. God FORGIVES our SIN
- E. Isaiah saw a vision of God's GOODNESS (Isa 6:8)
1. His work of REDEMPTION went BEYOND Isaiah
 2. He RE-ENLISTS the PURIFIED sinner
- F. Isaiah received a vision of CHRIST'S GLORY (John 12:41)
- III. The NECESSARY Perspective
- A. Isaiah did not see a "USER-FRIENDLY GOD"
1. His vision was TRAUMATIC
 2. His vision was TRANSFORMATIVE
- B. Isaiah saw the HOLY God of GLORY
1. He is SOVEREIGN over all CREATION and WRATHFUL toward all SIN
 2. He is LOVING toward the UNDESERVING and MERCIFUL to the REPENTANT