# God's Holiness

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- It was "in the year King Uzziah died".
- Sometimes someone has to be "out of the picture" for us to see God clearly.
- The people of Israel were too focused on their "king" and not the "King of kings".

# A FRESH LOOK AT THE GLORY OF GOD (v.1-4)

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 Although Isaiah was already a prophet of God, he received quite an awakening when he saw this vision of glory.

#### WE NEED TO SEE WHAT ISAIAH SAW

- Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." (v.2-3)
- The angelic beings in the temple proclaimed the "three times" holy nature of the God of Heaven.

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. (v.4)

• Isaiah saw God's Presence - the "house was filled with smoke" was a symbol of the presence of God.

#### A FRESH LOOK AT SELF (v.5)

- "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." (v.5)
- Isaiah sensed his own condition and he instantly realized that there were problems within his own heart.

When we get close to God we see God as He is.

• We think all is well in our life until we see the Lord in His glory and holiness.

• Coming face to face with God will produce humility and confession!

#### A FRESH LOOK AT FORGIVENESS (v.6-7)

Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." (v.6-7)

• Isaiah senses his own cleansing. The Lord does not just point out our sins, He also provides a means for our cleansing! With Isaiah, an angel with a live coal from the altar. With us, the precious blood of Jesus.

• If we ever see God as He is and we see ourselves as we are, then we will come before Him in humility and confess our sins. The closer we get to Him, the worse we look!

• But, when that realization comes, and we deal with it in repentance before the Lord, we will experience His cleansing and we will be able to stand in His presence and receive all He has for us!

#### A FRESH LOOK AT RESPONSIBILITY (v.8)

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (v.8)

• As soon as Isaiah gets His heart clean, he hears the call of the Lord to service.

 Now Isaiah's life was on the altar of sacrifice for the glory of God!

• We need to submit, surrender and sacrifice to our Holy and Cleansing God (Romans 12:1-2).

• LET'S PRAY: