

This week, I will reflect on the
Lord's holiness by...



THE HOLINESS OF GOD

Isaiah 6:1-4 | Part 1 of 2

TODAY'S VERSES:

Isaiah 6:1-4

Ephesians 2:10

Isaiah 6:8

Isaiah 5:20

Matthew 23:27

Isaiah 40:1-2

Philippians 2:9-11

Psalms 8:1

Psalms 110:1

Galatians 1:8-9

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Each of us has a story. This morning we pause our walk through Colossians to look first at someone else's - the prophet, Isaiah. We see the same themes of our own story mirrored in Isaiah's: creation, the brokenness of sin, and the hope of redemption through Christ.

Isaiah's calling begins during a season of political uncertainty in Judah. Isaiah receives a vision of the Lord, high and exalted, seated on His throne, the train of His robe filling the temple. This picture offers a glimpse of the transcendent majesty of God. Even the seraphim had to cover their faces in response to God's blinding glory-just as Moses' reflected glory of God blinded Israel.

The seraphim called to one another, "*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.*" In Hebrew tradition, repetition signals emphasis - and holiness is the only attribute of God ever raised to this triple repetition in Scripture. It is His defining, essential characteristic.

To be holy doesn't merely mean morally pure - it means "other," set apart, entirely unique above all creation. When Jesus draws us to Himself, He sets us apart, too - not to hide us away, but to send us out: to declare His mighty works, share the Gospel, build community, and share our stories so that Jesus is exalted. Next week, we'll see Isaiah's response to this vision - and what it means for us.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

ISAIAH 6:1-4 (NIV)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, 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." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

- 1. Think of a time you witnessed something so grand or beautiful it left you speechless: a sunset, a canyon, a birth. What did that stir in you, and how might it compare to encountering the majesty of God?**
- 2. Read Isaiah 6:1-4 aloud together. What details stand out to you about the scene Isaiah describes?**
- 3. Why do the seraphim cover their faces and their feet? What does each action reveal about God, and about themselves?**
- 4. Today's message explained that "holy" primarily means "other" - set apart, unique, above all creation - rather than simply "morally pure." How does that shift the way you think about God's holiness?**
- 5. It's easy to make ourselves the main character of our own story. In what ways have you been living as the author of your own story...rather than seeing yourself as part of God's bigger story?**
- 6. Jesus sets us apart not to isolate us, but to send us out to declare His works and share the Gospel. Who is one person you can help see themselves in God's story this week - and what's your next step toward that?**