

1  **A NEW VISION**

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- *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" <sup>4</sup> And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.*

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3  **ISAIAH 6:1-13**

- <sup>5</sup> So I said: "Woe is me, for I am <sup>[a]</sup>undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin <sup>[a]</sup>purged."

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- <sup>8</sup> Also 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." <sup>9</sup> And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' <sup>10</sup> "Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed."

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5  **ISAIAH 6:1-13**

- <sup>11</sup> Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He answered: "Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant, The houses are without a man, The land is utterly desolate, <sup>12</sup> The LORD has removed men far away, And the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. <sup>13</sup> But yet a tenth will be in it, And will return and be for consuming, As a terebinth tree or as an oak, Whose stump remains when it is cut down. So the holy seed shall be its stump."

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6  **ISAIAH'S VISIT TO THE TEMPLE**7  **740 B. C. – AN UNCERTAIN TIME**

- The nation of Judah was in a time of transition and uncertainty.
  - Uzziah, who had become king at age 16 and ruled 52 years, had died.
  - He had come to the throne at a difficult time and had won many battles against Judah's enemies.
  - He strengthened the nation and it prospered as he sought the Lord.
  - He continued the spiritual renewal in the country that began under his grandfather Joash.

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8  **UZZIAH'S DECLINE**9  **A NEW VISION**10  **A NEW VISION OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY**

- "sitting on a throne"
- Isaiah 46:9-10: . . . *I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me.* <sup>10</sup> *Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel will stand, and I will do all My pleasure.'*
- Daniel 4:35: . . . *He does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand or say to Him, 'What have You done?'*

11  **GOD IS GOD**

- He is on His throne - Psalm 115:3: *"But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases."*
- Ephesians 1:11: . . . *works all things according to the counsel of His will.*
- Foundational doctrine of the Bible – All other doctrines of the Bible have their foundation in the doctrine of the sovereignty of God!!!

12  **EXAMPLE OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR**

- One day he was a great king boasting of what he had done - the next day he was eating grass like a cow.
  - American politics: Mess in Washington – Many Christians concerned - Want Congress and the President to do something. It is in God's hands, under His control. Don't worry about it.
  - World politics – Threat of economic chaos
- God is in control of History: Moving inevitably and relentlessly to God's predetermined end.

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13  **A NEW VISION OF GOD'S TRANSCENDENCE**14  **HOW CAN WE KNOW THE TRANSCENDENT GOD?**15  **ROMANS 11:33-36**

- *33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" 35 "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" 36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen*
- God is transcendent!!!

16  **A NEW VISION OF GOD'S HOLINESS**

- The phrase "Holy, holy, holy" appears twice in the Bible, once in the Old Testament (Isaiah 6:8) and once in the New Testament (Revelation 4:8).
  - *And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"* (Isaiah 6:3, NKJV)
  - *The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"* (Revelation 4:8, NKJV)
- Both times the phrase is spoken or sung by heavenly creatures, and both times it occurs in the vision of a man who was transported to the throne of God: first by the prophet Isaiah in our

scripture today and then by the apostle John in the book of The Revelation.

#### 17 **GOD'S ATTRIBUTES**

- The holiness of God is the most difficult of all God's attributes to understand and to explain because it is one of God's essential attributes that is not inherently shared by the human race.
- We are created in God's image, and we can share many of His attributes such as love, mercy, faithfulness, etc., but, of course to a much lesser degree.
- But some of God's attributes, such as omnipresence, omniscience, and omnipotence, will never be shared by created beings.

#### 18 **IMPUTED HOLINESS**

- So holiness is not an attribute that we will possess as an inherent part of our nature.
  - We will only become holy in relationship to Jesus Christ. It is an *imputed* holiness.
  - Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:21 that only in Christ do we become holy. *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*
- God's holiness is what separates Him from all other beings, what makes Him separate and distinct from everything else.

#### 19 **GOD'S HOLINESS**

- God's holiness is more than just His perfection or moral purity. It is the essence of His "otherness," His transcendence. It is the awesomeness of His eternal being, as many found out:
  - Moses at the burning bush
  - Moses on Mt. Sinai requesting to see the face of God.
  - The sons of Aaron offering strange fire before the Lord.
- Uzzah touched the Ark of the Covenant (holy ground) and was killed instantly.

#### 20 **HIS PURITY**

#### 21 **A NEW VISION OF GOD'S GLORY**

*The reason it is so important is because in the Bible I don't know of any truth that is more fundamentally pervasive than God's zeal to be glorified, which means his zeal for us so to think, so to feel, and so to act as to make him look as glorious as he is. We don't add to his glory.*

-- John Piper

#### 22 **SO WE WANT TO MAKE GOD'S GLORY SHINE**

#### 23 **WHAT IS IT?**

*I believe the glory of God is the going public of his infinite worth. I define the holiness of God as the infinite value of God, the infinite intrinsic worth of God. And when that goes public in creation, the heavens are telling the glory of God, and human beings are manifesting his glory, because we're created in his image, and we're trusting his promises so that we make him look gloriously trustworthy.*

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#### 24 **GOD'S GLORY IS. . . .**

- "The public display of the infinite beauty and worth of God is what I mean by "glory," and I base that partly on Isaiah 6, where the seraphim say, "*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. The whole earth is full of his \_\_\_\_\_*" and you would expect them to say "holiness" and they say "glory."
- They are ascribing "*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. The whole earth is full of his \_\_\_\_\_*" and when that goes public in the earth and fills it, you call it "glory."

- So God's glory is the radiance of his holiness, the radiance of his manifold, infinitely worthy and valuable perfections.

#### 25 **A NEW VISION OF MY SINFULNESS**

ILLUSTRATION: Visiting farmer

- Had several targets on side of his barn
- Each target had a hole in the center of bull's eye
- The friend was impressed
- Farmer said he wasn't really that good - Friend said, "There's the proof on the side of the barn - the hole in each bull's eye." F
- armer: "No, it's like this. I shoot the hole into the barn first, then I draw me a bull's eye." That's the way many of us are

#### 26 **UNCLEAN -- I AM A MAN OF UNCLEAN LIPS**

- Sin like growing a beard - It keeps growing and needs to be shaved daily. Every day we need to look at ourselves and realize we are unclean before God and need to be cleansed by the blood of Jesus.
- Dale - Barbara doesn't like beard - Shave every day - new razor - haven't found the perfect razor
- Unworthy, "for my eyes have seen"

#### 27 **A NEW VISION OF THE WORLD**

#### 28 **WAIT ON THE LORD**

- Because I wait on the Will of God, v. 11: *Lord, how long?"*
- Most of us are in a big hurry.
  - We have heard the call of God.
  - We want to go and do immediately.
    - God says WAIT
    - He wants to train and prepare us.
    - Example of Moses – Joshua
    - Example of Manvilles
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#### 29 **FIRST BAPTIST LAS COLINAS -- VISION**