

The God we Fear

Isaiah 6:3b (HCSB) Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts; His glory fills the whole earth.

Text: Isaiah 6:1-8

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When you come to grips with the Holiness of God you must...

1) Honor God's _____ (vs. 1-4)

- a. Holiness of God "*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts*"
 - i. Holiness - He is separate, Pure, Good, distinct, better, infinitely different from us in every good way.
 - ii. The primary meaning of holy is "separate." It comes from an ancient word that meant, "to cut," or "to separate."...When we find a garment or another piece of merchandise that is outstanding, that has a superior excellence, we use the expression that it is "a cut above the rest." R.C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God* (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1985).
- b. Sinfulness of Man
 - i. Psalm 51:5 (ESV) Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
 - ii. Ephesians 2:1–3 (ESV) And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

2) Humble _____ (vs. 5)

- a. Majesty of God - "*His glory fills the whole earth...*"
 - i. Regal, lofty, or stately dignity; imposing character; grandeur: supreme greatness or authority; sovereignty.
 - ii. Psalm 145:5 (ESV) On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
 - iii. "The modern Christian has lost a sense of worship along with the concept of majesty [of God]....It is this that makes Christianity, and we have all but lost it. Added numbers, yes, but lost fear. Tons of literature being poured out, of course, but

no consciousness of the divine Presence. Better communication, certainly, but nothing to communicate." (A.W. Tozer)

- b. Lowliness of man – “Then I said: Woe is me for I am ruined because I am a man of unclean lips and live among a people of unclean lips...”
 - i. Genesis 2:7 (ESV) then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.
 - ii. Job 25:6 (ESV) how much less man, who is a maggot, and the son of man, who is a worm!”

3) Heal the _____ (vs. 6-7)

- a. God who atones “your wickedness is removed and your sin is atoned for.”
 - i. Atonement - The Hebrew verb ‘to atone’ (kaphar) means ‘cover’, so the noun ‘atonement’ (kippurim) is a form of ‘covering’. The most usual form of the word in the Old Testament is kipper which means to ‘cause to be covered’, ‘make covering for’. The Hebrew idea of ‘covering’ sins is an idiom for ‘forgiving’ sins. It also means to make right, or to make amends.
 - ii. God first did this in Genesis 3:21 (ESV) And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.
 - iii. God has atoned for us in Jesus - Romans 3:25 (NIV) God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.
- b. Man attempts to hide from God and hide his sin
 - i. Genesis 3:8 (ESV) And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
- c. Man is always blaming
 - i. Genesis 3:11–12 (NIV) And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”