



246 THE HOLINESS OF GOD

lesson 1: Holy³

- i. Countdown & Announcements
- ii. Song- "After All (Holy)"

*We just finished a series on "Do Hard Things". Many of us realize that God has gifted us and wants us to do the impossible for Him.

1. What would drive someone to do something big, crazy, and impossible for God?
2. What kind of person would God call to do something big, crazy, and impossible?

Read **Isaiah 6:8**

*God revealed that He had a challenge that only He was big enough to accomplish
-warning Israel of their imminent judgment

*Isaiah spoke up and was willing to do the impossible, but why?

I. Isaiah Recognized God's Holiness

A. God was on the high throne with His robe filling the temple (**Isaiah 6:1**)

-an overwhelming greatness

-just the robe filled the temple

-imagine someone who admire and being able to just touch their shoelace

-close your eyes and imagine you are getting a glimpse of the same greatness that turned Moses' face white

B. The angels covered their face and feet in God's presence (**Isaiah 6:2**)

-even the created heavenly beings couldn't look into His radiant face

-they, as did Moses and others, covered their feet recognizing they were on holy ground, standing in front of One much greater than they

Question: We often talk about what we will do in heaven or what we will ask God. Based on what you know in scripture, what do you think we will actually be doing?

-the song "I Can Only Imagine" put it into good words

-I used to think, that doesn't sound that great

*first, that exposes our heart

*second, (use illustration of how at football games we lose voices doing cheers)

-**Psalm 27:4**

C. They called out the praise of "Holy, Holy, Holy" (**Isaiah 6:3-4**)

1. What is "holy"?

*means to be separate, distinctively different, far better

-perfect? Yes, because He is holy; -pure? Yes, because He is holy...

*give examples of items/brands that are far above the rest

-in our absolute best, we are generic (striving to be close to the original)

2. Why 3 times?

*When something is said twice in scripture it is to get attention and prove a point

*this is the only characteristic of God that is repeated 3 times

Talk About It: What are some of His holy attributes that stand out to you and why?

Talk About It: If you had to describe God to a lost person, what would you say?

-would it be more that just what He does for you?

II. Isaiah Recognized His Sinfulness

A. How he didn't respond

-wow, that was cool

B. He used the word "Woe" (**Isaiah 6:5**)

-“I'm in deep dukey!” or “I want my mommy!”

-like talking bad about Mike Tyson only to realize he is right behind you and listening

C. He saw who he was compared to a holy God

Question: What does the prophet who says the things of God say about his lips?

*at the end, he reveals why he realizes it... “my eyes have seen the King...”

*the closer you grow to God, the more you see your sin and need for Him

*Take some time in prayer and confess your sins (specifically) to God and confess His holiness.

III. God Made the Unholy, Holy

A. In **verses 6-7**, God purified Him

-although He is a perfect and holy God, He forgives and restores us

B. It wasn't until Isaiah recognized God's holiness and was “purified” that God gave him His task

-Psalm 25:11

Application:

1. His holiness should be the core and reason for everything we do

2. We cannot fully serve God and God will not fully reveal His plans to us until we humble ourselves before His holiness

-Illustration: I grew up and was trained that ministry should be entertainment driven. The magazines and books for youth pastors tell us how we can do bigger and cooler things to impress you. But, if we are here for the cool music, videos, and games, then we've missed it. We must come, we must study, and we must do big things simply because it is what a holy God deserves. And by the way, it is not so we can be blessed by a holy God either. It is simply out of reverence to the one who is Holy, Holy, Holy.