
(3) *And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”*

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

Isaiah 6:5 “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.”

Isaiah 6:6,7 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.”

The “surprising” end of worship

Is. 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

Isaiah 6:8b And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

The question, “How could God EVER use me, after what I did?” does not register with God!

*Ephesians 4:22 ... to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is **corrupt** through deceitful desires,²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*

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We are a Worshipping Community

Church, a Community on Purpose-- part 1

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What is worship?

Deut. 10:12-13 “...what does the Lord your God ask of you except to fear the Lord your God by walking in all His ways, to love Him, and to worship the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul? Keep the Lord’s commands and statutes I am giving you today for your own good.”

John 4:24 ...those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

Nehemiah 8:6 Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, “Amen! Amen!” Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

Psalm 51:17 (RSV) The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

What is idolatry? Why is it strictly forbidden?

Exod. 20:5 You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them;

Exodus 20:3 “You shall have no other gods before me.”

Isaiah 53:1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good.

Why is worship done in community?

Psalm 95:6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

- We are a community in distress together

Psalms 120:1, 5 I call on the LORD in my distress, and he answers me. ⁵ Woe to me that I dwell in Meshech, that I live among the tents of Kedar!

- We are a community that rejoices together

Psalms 122:1 I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Romans 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

- We are a community rooted in hope. Shared joy.

Psalms 126:1 When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed. ² Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

Psalm 126:3 The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. ⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negev.

Psalm 126:5 Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. ⁶ He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

- We are a community of the broken.

God's gifts to us in our failure are repentance, restoration, rebirth, and redemption!

God's method, though humbling up front actually deals with the FACT of guilt!

Psalms 130:1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; ² O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. ³ If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, you are feared.

A case study of worship

Isaiah 6:1 "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple."

(2) "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."