

“The Character of God & The Character of His Church”

~ Isaiah 6:1–8; John 3:1–17



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1. God is Holy.

And one [angel] called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” ... And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips...”
(Isaiah 6:3, 5a)

2. God is Love.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
(John 3:16)

3. How do we resolve this tension? God is Jealous.

...for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God...
(Exodus 34:14)

And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord.
(Hosea 2:19-20)

Text for Prayer and Personal Reflection

1. *“And I said: ‘Woe is me! For I am lost; for 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!’”* (Isaiah 6:5)

What do you imagine went through Isaiah’s mind when he came face-to-face with God within this vision?

2. *“I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.”* (Isaiah 6:1)

Was Isaiah’s vision of God on his throne a comforting experience? Why or why not?

What does this say about our idea of the Lord?

3. *“And 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.’”* (Isaiah 6:8)

What was it about Isaiah’s experience that moved him to such a willingness of service?

How should we respond to God since we cannot demand such a personal experience?