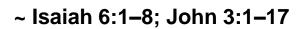
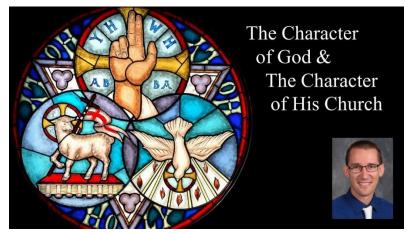
"The Character of God & The Character of His Church"





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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 experienced that moved him to such a willingness of service?
	How should we respond to God since we cannot demand such a personal experience?