

Holy, Holy, Holy – Isaiah 6 and 40

I. Introduction

- a. The word 'holy' is repeated throughout the Bible. It applied to the people of God and most importantly to God Himself.
- b. The phrase 'holy, holy, holy' is only found in two places of Scripture: Isaiah 6 and Revelation 6

II. Defining Holy

- a. 'To be blameless in character; to be separate to God; sanctified
 - i. Applying holiness to God means that He is not only blameless, righteous, just, etc. He is epitome of these ideas and goes beyond them past anything we can imagine!
- b. We will never fully grasp the holiness of God.

III. God is Holy in Power and Wisdom (Isaiah 40)

- a. His power is impossible to measure (Is. 40:12, 22, 26)
 - i. Water in the hollow of His hand
 - ii. Measured heavens with a span
 - iii. Calculated dust of the earth in a measure
- b. God's wisdom is beyond our comprehension (Is. 40:13,14)
 - i. We have to put in so much effort to learn just a fraction of knowledge and wisdom! God knows it ALL because it ALL comes from Him!

c. Our God is not anything of man. We are dealing with the One who created man (Rom. 11:33-36)

i. God is so far removed from our ways and that distance continues to grow with every second.

IV. God is Holy in Righteousness

a. We are not worthy to stand before God (Is. 6:1-5)

i. When we honestly look at ourselves before God, we will be like Isaiah.

b. As soon as we affirm that we are more worthy, we condemn ourselves (Lev. 10; Phil. 4)

c. As God is holy, we must be also (Lev. 10: 1 John 1:5-7)

V. God is Holy in Grace and Mercy

a. God could have nothing to do with us. But He wants a relationship (Is. 40:10-11; 1:2-4, 16-18)

b. Jesus is God's grace and mercy fully expressed to mankind (John 1:14)

i. When we envision the cross, yes we think of our sin and the sacrifice made for us. But we ought to also consider the enormity of God's grace and mercy.

c. God cares for us individually even when we don't care for Him (Ps. 139; 2 Pet. 3:9)

i. There are billions of people in the world and God cares for each one individually (even those who want nothing to do with Him).

- d. God sent His Son not only that we might be forgiven. But that through forgiveness we might be changed/transformed (Is. 6:6-7)
 - i. Isaiah's encounter did not give him license to sin after being "purged of sin." The attitude he showed of being in the wrong and wanting to change is where it starts.
 - ii. After we choose to follow Christ at the start, our continual attitude thereafter should be, "Here am I, send me."
 - iii. The transformation/change God wants is one that takes a lifetime to produce. It is well worth it!