

Pastor PJ Berner • Compass Bible Church • September 22nd & Spetember 23rd, 2020 • Isaiah 6:1-7

**The Glorious God**

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Read 2 Chronicles 26 and the story of Uzziah. What are some observations you can make from this passage to help us understand the political/spiritual environment of Israel in Isaiah 6?
2. Read John 4:24; John 1:18. How should we reconcile these verses with Isaiah’s statement in 6:1, “I saw the Lord…”?
3. Read Exodus 15:2; Isaiah 33:5; 57:15. What do these verses contribute to our understanding of Isaiah’s vision of the throne as “high and lifted up”?
4. Read 1 Samuel 18:4; 1 Kings 22:10, 30; Esther 6:9. What did the robes signify in ancient Israel? What is so significant about the robe of the Lord that Isaiah sees in 6:1?
5. Read Isaiah 6:2. Who are the creatures that surround the throne of the Lord? What are they doing with each set of wings? What do you think these actions signified?
6. Read Isaiah 6:3. These creatures declare that “the whole earth is full of his glory!” What did they have in view? Is the earth currently “full of his glory”? Why or why not? Could both the present earth and the future new heavens and new earth be in view? If so, how? If not, why?
7. Read Isaiah 6:3. How many other times in the Bible do we find the expression “holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts”? What is the context of this other occurrence? What other parallels do you observe between the broader context of this verse and our passage in Isaiah 6:1-7?
8. Read Isaiah 6:4. What is it that causes the foundations of the temple to shake? Whose voice brings this about?
9. Read Exodus 19:14-19. What is similar about these two scenes? Read Leviticus 16:13; Isaiah 4:5; Exodus 19:18. In these passages, what does was the smoke associated with that may be applicable to Isaiah 6:4 as well? Think of the trying to see through thick smoke. What may have been God’s purpose in providing the smoke in these contexts.
10. Read Isaiah 6:5. Summarize Isaiah’s response to this vision in your own words.
11. Read 1 Samuel 4:8; Isaiah 5:18-22; Isaiah 31:1. What word is repeated in these passages that we find in Isaiah 6:5? Based on these passages and the rest of Isaiah 6:5, what caused Isaiah to pronounce this judgment upon himself?

12. Read Isaiah 6:6-7. What happens in these verses? Why was this necessary? The angel is the one who carries out the action, but if angels are messengers who only act as envoys of another, who was ultimately behind this action?

13. What parallels with the gospel do you see in this entire passage, but specifically in verses 5-7?

14. Read Daniel 10:4-9; Ezekiel 1:26-28. When we consider passages like these and Isaiah 6:1-5, how should that inform our approach to the Lord in prayer? How should that impact our understanding of a passage like Hebrews 4:15-16?

15. Suppose you have a family member who believes that God will welcome them into heave because they have been a good person. How might you utilize this passage from Isaiah 6:1-7 (considering Isaiah’s character in light of all of the wickedness surrounding him) to gently correct their confidence in their own righteousness?