

# WHEN WE SEE THE KING

**July 5, 2026 | Isaiah 6:1-9**

This morning, we gather on the heels of a historic weekend. Yesterday, our nation celebrated July 4th: Independence Day. But not just any Independence Day. This year marks 250 years since the Declaration of Independence was adopted, our nation was born, and our story was forever changed.

For two and a half centuries, that declaration has shaped the identity, history, and freedom of an entire people and nation.

Declarations matter.

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**THERE IS NO GREATER DECLARATION THAN WHEN A HOLY GOD DECLARES A SINNER RIGHTEOUS.**

**Key Thought:**  
**WHEN WE SEE GOD CLEARLY, EVERYTHING CHANGES. Especially us.**

Isaiah 6 gives us one of the clearest portraits in all of Scripture of what happens when a person truly encounters the living God.

- Isaiah is awestruck by God's holiness.
- Isaiah is humbled by seeing himself honestly.
- Isaiah is forgiven and receives grace personally.
- Isaiah is fully surrendered and sent missionally.

That is the movement of the passage, and my prayer is that it would be the movement of our hearts and ultimately our lives this morning.

Read Isaiah 6:1-9



## 1. WHEN WE SEE GOD CLEARLY, WE ENCOUNTER HIS HOLINESS. [Isaiah 6:1-4]

### Key Passages:

Isaiah 6:1-4, Revelation 4:8, Exodus 33:17-23

### Supporting Truth:

- **POWERFUL TRUTH:** While earthly thrones may become momentarily vacant, Heaven's throne remains eternally occupied.
- How do we have the fuel that we need to have genuine awe-filled worship? We must have a high view of God.
- "Holy" - Hebrew qadosh/qadosh/qadosh: Means "set apart, unlike any other." 3 times it is declared as an intensification of the truth that God is supremely, perfectly, and abosolutely holy.
- The Lord is not the big man upstairs. The Lord is not a slightly larger version of us... He is the King, high & lifted up, reigning on the throne.
- When we see God clearly, everything changes.

## 2. WHEN WE SEE GOD CLEARLY, WE SEE OURSELVES HONESTLY. [Isaiah 6:5]

### Key Passages:

Isaiah 6:5, Isaiah 55:8-9

### Supporting Truth:

- A high view of God should always lead us to a humble view of self...The closer we come to seeing the holiness of God, the less impressive we should become.
- How do we have a humbling view of ourselves? We have a serious view of our sin.
- The seriousness of our sin is not determined by how we feel... the seriousness of our sin is determined by the holiness of the One we have sinned against.
- **POWERFUL TRUTH:** Whatever we lose in our awe of God we will gain in awe of ourselves.
- Awe-filled Worship is war against our pride...it takes our eyes off ourselves and places them on the King.
- When we see God clearly, everything changes.



### 3. WHEN WE SEE GOD CLEARLY, WE RECEIVE HIS GRACE PERSONALLY. [Isaiah 6:6-7]

#### **Key Passages:**

Isaiah 6:6-7; Romans 3:23-25; Ephesians 2:8, Romans 5:6, 8

#### **Supporting Truth:**

- His holiness isn't just terrifying, it is purifying. Your guilt can be taken away, and your sin can be atoned for in Christ if only you would repent and believe!
- The most powerful thing that you and I can ever experience is the words of a gracious God, declaring over guilty sinners: "Not guilty."
- A serious view of our sin should lead to a sufficient view of our Savior.
- The gospel does not pretend that our sin is small; the gospel declares that Christ is sufficient.
- When we see God clearly, everything changes.

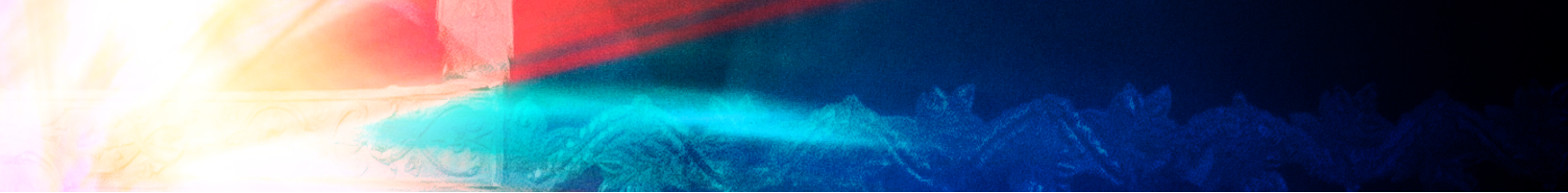
### 4. WHEN WE SEE GOD CLEARLY, WE SURRENDER OURSELVES COMPLETELY. [Isaiah 6:8-9]

#### **Key Passages:**

Isaiah 6:8-9; Matthew 28:18-20

#### **Supporting Truth:**

- When Isaiah responds "Here I am, send me" to this commissioned invitation from the Lord, in essence, he is expressing his availability before his assignment.
- It is from a place of genuine awe and worship that God calls, commands, and commissions His people to - Go!
- Hudson Taylor, a 19th-century missionary, stated, "The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed."
- God's glorious grace doesn't simply relieve Isaiah; it recruits him to a mission larger than himself... a mission that is met by full surrender.
- When we see God clearly, everything changes... especially us.



## **APPLICATION**

If our lives have been fully forgiven then our lives should become fully surrendered.

### **What are you looking at?**

- **LOOK UP:** See the King & worship deeply.
- **LOOK WITHIN:** See yourself & confess honestly.
- **LOOK AHEAD:** Receive His grace & surrender fully.

When we see God clearly, everything changes... especially us.