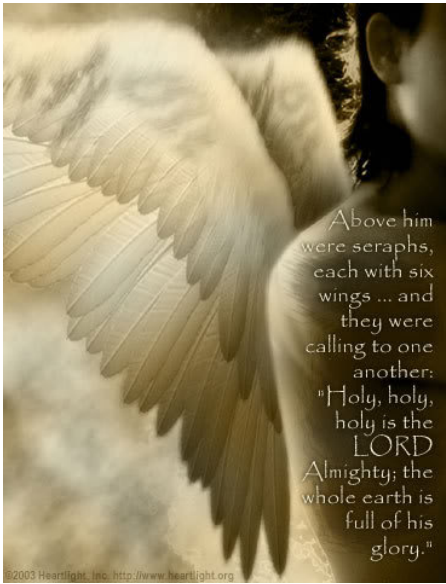


### 3g - Holy, Holy, Holy

#### Read Isaiah 6



Going to God in time of crisis is a natural response. Isaiah went to the temple to pray when his nation was in grave trouble. Uzziah, Judah's strong king for half a century, was dying. Assyria, the evil empire to the East, was restless and threatening. However, when Isaiah prayed for the people, he didn't get the answer he expected. He received a vision of the holy God that shook him to the core of his being.

1. Many people imagine that God is like a kindly old grandfather in the sky. How do you think he got that reputation?

2. After reading Isaiah 6 describe in your own words what Isaiah saw and heard in the temple (Isaiah 6:1-4).

What do we learn about God from this vision?

3. What does it mean that God is holy (Isaiah 6:3)?

4. What effect does this vision have on Isaiah, and why (Isaiah 6:5)?

5. The seraph ("burning one") touches Isaiah's lips with a live coal. How does this action relate both to Isaiah's vision and to his future ministry (Isaiah 6:6-7)?

**6.** In what ways has the Lord purified and prepared you for ministry?

**7.** Why do you think the Lord asks for volunteers in Isaiah 6:8?

**8.** Isaiah's ministry is to make people spiritually blind and deaf (Isaiah 6:9-10). Why would God give him such a strange task?

**9.** Spiritually speaking, what leads people's senses to become dulled and their hearts to become calloused?

**10.** How does Isaiah 6:11-13 emphasize a terrible aspect of God's holiness for those who reject him?

**11.** How does this passage shatter many of our preconceived notions of what God is like?

**12.** Give one example of how God's holiness should affect your life or ministry.

