



INTRODUCTION: Isaiah began prophesying in the year that King Uzziah died, but he had a vision of another King. Isaiah starts chapter 6 off with the words, “I saw the Lord.” The Bible tells us that he saw Him high and lifted up. By repeating the word “holy” three times, the scriptures are emphasizing the nature of our God.

“When we speak of the transcendency of God, we are talking about the sense in which God is above and beyond us.” – R.C. Sproul (Book: The Holiness of God)

I. HIS WORKS ARE HOLY

Psalm 145:17, “The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.”

“Character matters. We need to raise our standards at home and abroad, and the first order of business is to restore standards to the White House.” – 44th Vice President Dan Quayle (Presidential Primaries, 2000)

A. HIS CREATIVE WORKS ARE HOLY

1. The Earth

Genesis 1:31, “And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”

2. Mankind

Ecclesiastes 7:29, “Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.”

B. HIS REDEMPTIVE WORK IS HOLY

Psalm 22:1-3, “¹ My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? ² O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent. ³ But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.”

Psalm 22 is a Messianic Psalm. This Psalm describes the darkest day in world history – the day when the Father turned His face from the Son of God; the only day in eternity when the Trinity was broken.

II Corinthians 5:21, “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

II. HIS WORD IS HOLY

A. GOD’S WORD MANIFESTS HIS PURITY

Psalm 19:8-9, “⁸ The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.”

God’s Word has a way of shining a light into the inner crevices of our heart to show us what needs to be changed.

B. GOD’S WORD MAGNIFIES HIM PERSONALLY

Psalm 89:7, “God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.”

One reason Christians are so tolerant of sin and rebellion is that we do not reverence God. We do not understand His holiness like we ought to.

Psalm 99:5, “Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.”

I John 1:5, “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”

III. HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES IS HOLY

A. HIS WILL IN REDEEMING US (ISAIAH 6:5, 64:6)

The rags in Isaiah 64:6 is a reference to the rags given to lepers to clean themselves.

Romans 3:24-26, “²⁴ Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: ²⁵ Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; ²⁶ To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”

B. HIS WILL IN RENEWING US

Romans 12:2, “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

I Peter 1:16, “Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”