

BEHOLD HIS GLORY

ISAIAH 6:1-8

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Summary:

On this side of eternity, God will always be far more glorious and holy than we can possibly understand. And the reality is that we are far more sinful than we want to realize. But God doesn't leave us there. His grace is more powerful and free than we could imagine. The only appropriate response to his grace is to surrender and worship. Has God opened your eyes of faith to see Him?

A.W. Tozer said, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

"It's like a secret law of the soul that we move toward our mental image of God."

God reveals himself.

God reveals himself through his creation, through our conscience, through the person and work of Jesus Christ, and through his living and active word.

Have you seen Him? Has He opened your eyes of faith?

Everything we know about God is tied to His revelation.

THE BRILLIANCE OF HIS GLORY vs. 1-4

One definition of holiness we see in the scripture is referring to moral perfection.

Another definition is to be set apart.

Isaiah 40:18 says

With whom, then, will you compare God?

To what image will you liken him?

ON THIS SIDE OF ETERNITY GOD WILL ALWAYS BE MORE GLORIOUS AND MORE HOLY THAN WE CAN IMAGINE.

THE TRAUMA OF HIS GLORY (vs.5)

Woe in the Hebrew – "falling apart, disintegrating."

The reality is that we are far worse than we think we are.

Romans 3:23 says “For all have sinned and fallen short (or literally lack) the glory of God. We are fall short every single day in thought, word, and deed. None of us live up.

In Job 42:5 Job says:

**My ears had heard of you
but now my eyes have seen you.**

**Therefore, I despise myself
and repent in dust and ashes.”**

He stopped asking the why and started looking to the Who. And when he looked at *the Who* the *why* didn’t matter.

THE BEAUTY OF HIS GLORY – GRACE - vs. 6-7

His grace is more powerful and free than you can imagine.

**“Jesus did not die for our righteousness, but He died for our sins. He did not come to save us because we were worth saving, but because we were utterly worthless, ruined, and undone.”
- Charles Spurgeon**

God made a way - Atonement was made – Jesus went through the fire.

Isaiah later says in chapter 53:5-6

**But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds, we are healed.**

**We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

Ephesians 2:8-9 says

For it is by grace that you have been saved – through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no man should boast.

**Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see.**

OUR RESPONSE TO HIS GLORY - vs. 8

What else can you say to the one who has given you everything? Here I am.

Tell the World About Jesus.

Tell the truth about who Jesus is and what Jesus has done for you.

BE HONEST

1 John 1:9 says if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

What are you trying to hide that needs to be covered and forgiven by the grace of God?

FOR THE WEARY:

There is a purpose for your pain.

FOR THE CALLED:

REMEMBER

We often fear when we ignore or forget what He's said

Lamentations 3:21 says

This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope.

For The BROKEN

It was grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed!

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now I'm found

I once was blind, but now I see.

HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

I AM _____?

Who do you need Him to be?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Everything we know about God is tied to His revelation through creation, our conscience, the person and work of Jesus, and His living and active word. Can you recall a time in your life when God supernaturally opened your eyes of faith to reveal Himself as all glorious and holy?
2. If so, how did seeing God this way affect how you saw yourself?
3. 1 John 1:9 says if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. What are you trying to hide that needs to be covered and forgiven by the grace of God?
4. God meets our fears with grace. Grace is more powerful and free than we can imagine. In what ways do you see the evidence of God's grace in your life?
5. We often fear when we ignore or forget what God's already said in His word. Remember His goodness and faithfulness in your life. Tell the truth about what Jesus has done for you and share your testimony with someone today.